MINUTES

of the

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN AMERICA

Convening In

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Rev. H. G. Ritzen, Pastor
1015 N. Washington Street
Hutchinson, Knasas
April 20 to 23, 1953

SEVENTY-THIRD
ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the

Synodical Women's Missionary Society

Convening in

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
Rev. H. G. Ritzen, Pastor
April 20 to 22, 1953

ANNUAL CONVENTION
of the

Synodical Men's Brotherhood

Convening at

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA
R. F. D., Junction City, Kansas
May 17, 1953

In Memoriam

THE REV. HERBERT H. PETT, A.B., BD.

Born, Richford, Wisconsin, May 12, 1907

Entered Life Eternal, Wellington, Kans., July 22, 1952

"His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee a ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—Matt. 25:21

MEMORIAL SERVICES

at the 85th Annual Synodical Convention
Tuesday, April 21, 1953

conducted by
The Rev. George N. Mendenhall, PHD, DD.

assisted by
The Rev. Aksel C. Larsen

These Minutes of the 85th Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States Are Dedicated to the Memory of this Servant of God.

ROLL OF SYNOD — Clergy — 1953

Pastor and Address	Telephone	Parish	Ordained	Entered
Albert, R. W., 115 South Park, Lawrence, Ks.	— 624 & 3381	Trinity	1936	1948
Alexander, Willard W., 801 N. 17th, Kansas City 2, Ks.	— DR. 3690	Trinity	1935	1945
Allen, Harry R., 3743 Harrison Blvd., Kansas City 3, Mo.	— VA. 6246 & LO. 4191	St. Mark's	1926	1951
Angersbach, Arthur, 313 N. Elm, Eureka, Ks.	— 906	Christ	1928	1949
Ashley, Martin C., Waterville, Ks.	— 58	St. Mark's	1949	1949
Baird, H. Vance, 901 S. Fifth, Atchison, Ks.	— 480 & 321	St. Mark's	1938	1943
Barthel, Wayne B., Chapman, Ks.	— 4511	Scherer Memorial	1949	1949
Bergstresser, Fuller, D.D., 514 W. 3rd, Abilene, Ks.	— 1306	Trinity	1894	1926
Fernhardt, Harvey H., Washington, Ks.	— 433	Good Shepherd	1937	1951
de Frese, K., D.D., 317 N. 8th, Wakeeney, Ks.	— 247	Bethlehem	1916	1934
Eller, George W., 613 N. Mill, Beloit, Ks.	— 454	Zion	1935	1939
Ensrud, J. O., D.D., 202 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, Va.		U. S. Army, Retired	1912	1926
Fienk, David M., 912 S. Osage Ave., Sedalia, Mo.		Trinity	1922	1953
Frederick, Sherman E., 701 Oak, Valley Falls, Ks.,	— 101	St. Paul's	1937	1947
Freeberg, C. Arthur, 3223 S. 23rd, Omaha 9, Nebr.			1945	1945
Frobenius, Reno R., D.D., 316 S. 10th, St. Joseph, Mo.	— 28378	First	1930	1943
Geissler, Max H., 213 E. Division, Peabody, Ks.	— 225	St. Paul's	1931	1949
*Hansen, Clarence J., Rock Port, Mo.		Rock Port-Langdon	1946	1949
*Hirsch, Edwin J., 10520 E. 59th, Kansas City, Mo.,	AR. 9523	Jackson Co. Mission	1933	1948
Keisler, E. Bryan, S.T.D., Central Seminary, Fremont, Nebr.	— 332	Professor	1923	1948
La Fontaine, Leo S., 517 Lecta Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.	— 23863 & 27487	St. Luke's	1937	1950
Larsen, Aksel C., 3454 S. Gary, Tulsa 15, Okla.	— 72-8321 & 2-6566	First	1936	1951
Lehmann, Arno, Box 68, New Cambria, Ks.		New Cambria-Mentor	1953	1953
McCulloch, J. A., D.D., 2710 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City 3, Mo.	— CL. 7199	Retired (P. Emer.)	1898	1921
Mendenhall, George N., Ph.D.D.D., 709 N. 6th, Sterling, Ks.		Retired	1908	1949
Moeller, Walter H., 310 S. 7th, Salina, Ks.,	4949 & 5081	St. John's	1931	1952
Miller, Arthur W., 323 N. Jefferson, Wellington, Ks.		St. John's	1953	1953
Most, W. F., 4637 W. 9th Terrace, Prairie Village 15, Ks.		Faith	1931	1951
Naugle, Calvin J., 406 S. Van Brunt Blvd., K. C. 24, Mo.	— BE. 6640 & CH. 2097	Children's Memorial	1938	1945
Peery, T. Benton, STD., 837 N. Market, Wichita 5, Ks.	— 3-0810 & 3-5177	St. Paul's	1926	1947
Ritzen, H. G., Hutchinson, Ks.	— 3-3513	Zion	1941	1947
Scherch, Richard O., 253 S. Battin, Wichita, Ks.	— 63-6018	Reformation	1951	1952
Search, George L., 1207 Fort, Hays, Ks.	— 4-2044	Trinity	1932	1931
Shirck, J. Franklin, Greenleaf, Ks.	— 81	Trinity & St. Pauls	1945	1944
Schmidt, Arthur E., Box 31, Cole Camp, Mo.	— 250	United	1927	1952
*Sheneman, Lloyd Elden, Des Moines, Ia.			1953	1953
Smith, Eugene, Glasco, Kansas		St. Paul's	1941	1947
Tonsing, Ernest F., 434 Harrison, Topeka, Ks.	— 8-8273 & 3-7007	First	1936	1934
Tychsen, Thomas, 623 W. Walnut, Sleepy Eye, Minn.		Retired	1909	1949
**Wingate, Roy Barton, Ames, Nebraska			1953	1953
Zinger, Don H., 4812 Marvin Rd., K. C. 16, Mo.	— GL. 8602 & GL. 1018	Bethlehem	1952	1952

* Transferred to Iowa Synod following Ordination.
** Transferred to Midwest Synod following Ordination.

Roll of Synod — Laymen

CONGREGATION	NAME AND ADDRESS
Atchison, St. Marks	Walter Tschorn, 1358 Commercial St.
Beloit, Zion	Ed Wrench
Cole Camp, Mo., United	Hillard Wilckens
Emporia, St. Marks	William C. Clay
Eureka, Christ	J. Wm. Clever
Fort Smith, Ark., St. Lukes	Paul Adrion, 1501 Spring St.
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	Ira T. Koogle (D), Austin P. Sanborn (A)
Greenleaf, Trinity	Charles A. Harkness, Jr., E. A. Holden (D)
Hutchinson, Zion	Lewis P. Nafzinger
Kansas City, Mo., Bethlehem	Lee W. Koltermann, 3747 N. Olive St.
Kansas City, Mo., Childrens	A. D. Fennell, 5945 Paseo
Kansas City, Mo., St. Mark s	Geo. P. Reichel, 3419 Coleman Rd.
Kansas City, Ks., Trinity	T. W. Tindall, 1134 No. 34 St.
Langdon, Mo., St. Peters	Cecil E. Van Meter, Jr.
Lawrence, Trinity	Fred Kloepper, 649 WW. 23rd St.
Marysville, First	Lyman Adams, Waterville, Ks.
New Cambria, Peace	S. E. Croyle
Peabody, St. Pauls	Herbert Wehry
Prairie Village, Ks., Faith	Fred Stotts, 6446 Indiana, K. C., Mo.
Raytown, Mo., Blue Ridge Trinity	Albert G. Hilliard, 9316 E. 39th, K. C., Mo.
Salina, St. Johns	Vern Webster, 19 Crestview Drive
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	C. J. Muller, 615 W. Broadway,
St. Joseph, Mo., First	T. E. Willett
Sunrise Beach, Mo., Kent Memorial	Patrick C. Stephenson (D) Harry C. Zimmerman (A)
Topeka, First	Verlyn Olson (D), R. H. Owen (A)
Tulsa, Okla., First	C. L. Canfield, 24 West Fairview,
Valley Falls, St. Pauls	E. E. Ferguson, FRD 3
Wakeeney, Bethlehem	Frank Mussemann (D), Adam Bender (A)
Washington, Good Shepherd	Wilbur Kohlmeyer
Waterville, St. Marks	Lyman Adams
Wichita, Reformation	J. F. Jenkins
Wichita, St. Pauls	C. W. Everhart (D), R. L. Tonsing (A)

DIRECTORY OF SYNOD

1953 - 1954

ELECTED OFFICERS OF SYNOD 1953 - 1954

President

Rev. W. W. Alexander, 801 N. 17, Kansas City, Kansas (Term to 1954)

Vice-President

Rev. R. W. Albert, 115 E. South Park, Lawrence, Kansas

Secretary

Rev. H. G. Ritzen, 1015 N. Washington Hutchinson, Kansas

Treasurer

Mr. Charles M. Stark, 932 So. 10th, Salina, Kansas

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Statistician

Mr. Charles Harkness, Jr., 715 Main St. Hays, Kansas

Historian

Dr. George Anderson, Rte. 4, University Dr., Lawrence, Kansas

Editor, Kansas Synod Lutheran

Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, 434 Harrison Topeka, Kansas

ELECTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Chairman
Rev. R. W. Albert, Vice-President
Rev. H. G. Ritzen, Secretary
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Treasurer
Rev. Martin C. Ashley, Waterville, Ks.
Mr. Vern Webster, 1 Crestview, Salina, Ks.
Rev. W. F. Most, 4637 W. 69 Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas.
Mr. Geo. P. Reichel, 3419 Coleman Road, Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. O. E. Eaton, 206 W. 7th, Emporia, Ks.
Mr. Paul C. Buskirk, 7715 E. Sherman, Hutchinson, Kansas

Home Missions Committee

Rev. Reno Frobenius, Chairman 1955
Rev. Geo. L. Search, 1954
Mr. Sidney Lewis, 1954
Mr. A. D. Fennell, 1955
Rev. O. E. Eaton, 1956
Mr. S. Dee Shepherd, 1956
Rev. Geo. W. Eller, 1957
Mr. Wilfred Riegle, 1957

Midland College Board

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio
Rev. E. F. Tonsing, 1956
Mr. John Vogel, 1955
Rev. R. W. Albert, 1954
Mr. Fred H. Stotts, 1956

Central Seminary Board

Rev. H. V. Baird, 1954
Mr. Austin Sanborn, 1956
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio

Tabitha Home Board

Rev. Calvin Naugle, 1957
Mr. Wm. Guenther, 1954

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

Examining

Rev. Reno Frobenius, Chairman 1954
Rev. J. Franklin Schirck, 1954
Rev. A. C. Larsen, 1955
Rev. George Eller, 1955
Rev. W. F. Most, 1956
Rev. Martin C. Ashley, 1956

Ministerial Education

Rev. Martin C. Ashley, Chairman
Dr. T. Benton Peery
Justice William Werts

Social Missions

Rev. Max Geissler, Chairman
Rev. Wayne Barthel
Rev. Walter H. Moeller
Mr. Le Roy Rinard
Mr. George Reichel

STANDING CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Necrology

Rev. J. A. McCulloch, Chairman
Rev. Fuller Bergstresser
Rev. George Mendenhall

Protocol

Rev. Leo S. La Fontaine
Rev. Arthur Schmidt
Rev. C. J. Naugle, Chairman

Synodical Constitution

Rev. H. Vance Baird, Chairman
Rev. Harvey Bernhardt
Rev. Don H. Zinger

COMMITTEES BY APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Foreign Missions

Rev. Harry Allen, Chairman
Rev. Leo S. La Fontaine
Rev. T. Benton Peery
Mrs. Ernest Tonsing
Mrs. George Anderson
Mrs. Alyce Klemma
Mrs. M. H. Barton

Parish Education

Rev. Aksel Larsen, Chairman
Rev. Richard Scherch
Rev. Eugene Smith
Rev. Edwin Hirsch, Adult Work
Rev. Sherman Frederick, Youth Work
Mrs. J. Franklin Shirck, Audio-Visual Aids
Mrs. Ralph Ausherman, Children's Work

Camp Wa Shun Ga
(Until Oct. 1, 1953)

Rev. Geo. L. Search, Chairman
Rev. Martin Ashley
Rev. H. G. Ritzen
Mr. Robert L. Tonsing
Mr. LeRoy Rinard
Mr. Paul Buskirk
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex Officio
Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, Advisory

Luthern Youth Camp
(Until Sept. 1953)

Rev. Aksel Larsen, Director
Rev. Sherman Frederick
Rev. R. O. Scherch
Rev. Harvey Bernhardt
Miss Cynith Giffin
Mrs. R. L. Tonsing
Rev. W. W. Alexander, Ex Officio
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex Officio
Rev. Geo. L. Search, Advisory

Synod Merger

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Chairman
Rev. H. G. Ritzen
Rev. H. V. Baird
Mr. Austin Sanborn
Mr. Wilfred Riegle

Stewardship

Rev. R. W. Albert, Chairman
Mr. L. W. Bauerle
Mr. Vern Webster
Mr. George Reichel
Mr. Charles M. Stark, Ex. Officio

Liturgy and Music

Rev. Arthur Angersbach, Chairman
Rev. K de Freese
Rev. Clarence Hansen

Inter-Synod Social Welfare

Rev. W. W. Alexander, Chairman
Rev. Max Geissler

L. W. R.

Rev. Wayne Barthel, Chairman
Rev. Arthur Miller
Rev. G. L. Search

SECRETARIES APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deaconess Work

Rev. Arno Lehman

L. W. A.

Rev. R. W. Albert

Kansas Council of Churches

Rev. Max Geissler

Student Service

Rev. R. W. Albert

Publications

Rev. T. Benton Peery

Pensions

Rev. Wayne Barthel

Apportionment Table 1954

	Com. Memb.	Apporm't.	L.W.A.
Abilene, Trinity	223	$ 2453.00	$ 302.90
Atchison, St. Mark's	304	3344.00	390.00
Beloit, Zion	201	2211.00	213.20
Bendena, St. John's	156	1705.00	231.40
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Bunkerhill, Mt. Zion	10	110.00	18.20
Chapman, Schehrer Memorial	118	1298.00	132.60
Cole Camp, United	78	858.00	119.60
Emporia, St. Mark's	197	2167.00	244.40
Eureka, Christ's	126	1386.00	161.20
Fort Smith, St. Luke's	90	990.00	105.30
Glasco, St. Paul's	155	1705.00	187.20
Greenleaf, Trinity	63	693.00	88.40
Hays, Trinity	132	1452.00	214.50
Hutchinson, Zion	162	1782.00	208.00
Kansas City, Bethlehem United	139	1529.00	150.80
Kansas City, Children's Memorial	260	2860.00	312.00
Kansas City, St. Mark's	386	4246.00	487.50
Kansas City, Trinity	213	2343.00	271.30
Lancaster, St. John's	99	1089.00	135.20
Langdon, St. Peter's	92	1012.00	132.60
Lawrence, Trinity	482	5302.00	610.90
Marysville, First	18	198.00	22.10
Mentor, St. Paul's	34	374.00	40.30
New Cambria, Peace	26	286.00	35.10
Norcatur, St. Mark's	21	231.00	23.40
Peabody, St. Paul's	95	1045.00	165.10
Perth, St. James			.00
Prairie Village, Faith	125	1375.00	165.10
Raytown, Trinity			.00
Rockport, First	244	2684.00	137.80
Salina, St. John's	571	6281.00	326.30
Sedalia, Trinity	82	902.00	726.70
St. Joseph, First	551	6061.00	111.80
Sunrise Beach, Kent Memorial	59	649.00	705.90
Topeka, First	239	2629.00	286.00
Tulsa, First	343	3773.00	471.90
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	81	891.00	101.40
WaKeeney, Bethlehem	139	1529.00	180.70
Washington, Good Shepherd	117	1287.00	165.10
Washington, St. Paul's	18	198.00	31.20
Waterville, St. Mark's	202	2222.00	240.50
Wellington, St. John's	90	990.00	113.10
Wichita, Reformation			.00
Wichita, St. Paul's	635	6985.00	819.00
Wilson, Excelsior	49	539.00	67.60
Chas. A. Harkness, Jr., Statistician	7424	$81664.00	$9521.20

Proceedings

Session One

Session One opened at 3:30 P.M., Monday, April 20, in Zion Lutheran Church of Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Synod Convention Delegates, Women's Missionary Society Convention Delegates, and Guests joined in the Service of the Holy Communion. Liturgists were the Rev. Heinz Ritzen Pastor Loci, Rev. R. W. Albert and Rev. W. W. Alexander. The Sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. F. Tonsing, President.

The Synod was opened by the President, using the Order for Opening of Synods.

A Motion for a recess carried to enable the Ministerium to meet.

The Session of the Ministerium was held. Roll Call of Clergy Members by the Secretary. A quorum was present of Clerical Members. The Examination Committee Report was given by the Rev. G. L. Search. And Approved.

The Convention reconvened at 5:10 P.M.

The Secretary gave a report of the Ministerium action and information as follows: The Approval of the Examination Committee's Report and its Adoption. Approved. The Rev. G. L. Search Moved that the Examination Committee's Report be amended. As follows: That Synod authorize the Ordination of Mr. Arno Lehmann in his parish. Carried.

The Order of Reception of Ministers into the Synod, was conducted by President Tonsing. Received were the Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt, Cole Camp, Mo. The Rev. Walter H. Moeller, Salina, Kans., and the Rev. Don H. Zinger, Kansas City, Mo.

The Secretary read the Clerical Roll of Synod. Adopted. The Lay Roll of Synod was Adopted.

Introduction of Guests: Dr. Henry H. Bagger, of Philadelphia, Pa., ULCA Representative; Mr. Albert Hilliard, Blue Ridge Mission, Raytown, Mo.; Mr. Howard Darge, Reformation, Wichita, Kans.; Mr. Richard Price, Chicago, Illinois; Seminarians: Mr. Elden Sheneman, Roy B. Wingate, Arno Lehmann, and Arthur Miller.

The President announced the Clerical Names of the Convention Committees. The Laymen's Names to be added.

The President's Report. The President relinquished the gavel to the Vice President while presenting his report. A Motion to refer the report without the recommendation to the Committee on the President's Report. Carried.

The Report of the Necrologist was presented by the Secretary, which was adopted.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary. Action was deferred on Recommendation No. 1, of the report. Action was deferred on Recommendation No. 2, of the report.

The Rev. Dr. Fred J. Weertz, of Des Moines, Iowa, was introduced.

Session One adjourned.

At 8:00 P.M., the Service was held, with Order for Ordination and the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the Ordinands.

Ordained to the Gospel Ministry were Lloyd Eldon Sheneman, called as Assistant Pastor, St. John's, Des Moines, Iowa; and Roy B. Wingate, called to the Schuyler-Ames Parish, Nebraska. The Celebrants were the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, President of Synod, the Rev. Richard Albert, Vice-President; the Rev. Willard Alexander, Secretary, and the Rev. Olney Eaton.

Session Two

The Convention reconvened at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, April 21, with Devotions in charge of the Convention Chaplain Arthur E. Schmidt.

The U.L.C.A. Representative, Dr. Henry H. Bagger, spoke to the Synod and the W.M.S. Convention in assembly.

Motion: To declare the last two pews on each side of the Church to be the bounds of Synod. Motion Carried.

The Committee on Reference and Council. Introduction of Dr. A. W. Young, Supt. of Tabitha Home, Miss Gynith Giffin, President of the State Luther League and Mr. Charles Harkness, Jr., Synod Statistician. Motion to include those introduced yesterday in the priviledge of the floor. Carried.

The Report of the Minutes Committee of Session One for adoption. Motion that they be accepted as corrected and amended. Motion Carried.

The presentation of the Auditors Report by the Treasurer Mr. Charles Stark, was received.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mrs. Charles Stark. Motion: That the special gift of the Church of the Reformation, Wichita in the Treasurer's Report, Pages 15 and 16, be amended to read, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wichita for Church of the Reformation, Wichita. Carried.

Motion to adopt the Auditor's Report. Carried.

The Report of the Statistician was presented by Mr. Charles Harkness, Jr., who also distributed detailed figures on Membership statistics. Motion carried that the report be received.

The opening of the Elections. The Rev. W. F. Most presented the Motion that after the second ballot only top three nominees will remain on the ballot. Motion carried.

The Vice President took the Chair for an announcement by the President. President Tonsing stated that he would not be available for reelection to the office of President.

The Stewardship Report was presented by Rev. R. W. Albert. An announcement was made that the Treasurer's books are closed on the 5th of each month. All congregational remittances to be made before that date. Motion: To print statistical report of the Stewardship Secretary in the Synodical Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion: that the Stewardship report be received. Carried.

The following Guests were introduced by Rev. Heinz Ritzen. President L. J. Wolff of the Midwest Synod, Rev. Theodore Althof and Rev. F. W. Henkel. Motion: that they be granted the privilege of the floor. Carried.

President L. J. Wolff brought fraternal greetings from the Midwest Synod. President E. F. Tonsing gave a reply.

The Historian's Report was presented by the Secretary. Motion: Moved that suggestion concerning the binding of the K.S.L. in the concluding paragraph of the report of the Historian be referred to the Executive Committee for action. Motion carried.

Motion that the report be accepted. Carried.

The Home Missions Committee Report was presented by Rev. C. J. Naugle. The substitute motion: That the chairman of the Home Missions Committee be commended and thanked for his faithful and tireless work. Motion carried.

The session adjourned with prayer by Chaplain Schmidt.

Session Three

The Convention reconvened at 1:30 P.M., April 21.

The Memorial Service was conducted for the Rev. Herbert Pett, by Rev. Aksel Larsen as Liturgist. The Message was given by the Rev. Dr. G. N. Mendenhall.

The Committee on Elections reported that the Rev. W. W. Alexander having received the majority of votes elected to the President's office.

The election for the Vice President was opened.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented Secretary Rev. Harner Middleswarth of the Parish Education Board, Philadelphia. Motion that he be granted the privilege of the floor. Motion carried.

The Committee on Minutes distributed the minutes of the Second Session. Motion that the minutes of the Second Session be accepted. Motion carried.

The report of the Student Service Secretary was presented by Rev. R. W. Albert. He presented Mr. Richard Price who presented a series of slides of Student's Work at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Recommendations of the Student Work Report: Recommendation No. 1. Motion that it be adopted. Recommendation No. 2. Motion to amend that we insert "from Kansas" between "representative," and "to." Motion carried. Recommendation No. 2. Motion to adopt as amended. Motion carried.

The Parish Education Committee report was presented by Rev. Aksel Larsen. Secretary Harner Middleswarth of the Parish Education Board, Philadelphia, was presented and spoke on Synod bringing explanation of the New Children's Program and the Week Day School Program.

The Committee on Elections reported that Rev. R. W. Albert having

received the majority of the votes, was elected to that office. (for Vice President.)

The Election for the Secretary was opened.

Motion to recess at 3:15 P.M. Motion carried.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland College and Rev. Rollin Shaffer, representative of L.W.A., New York City. Motion that they be granted the privilege of the floor. Motion carried.

Motion to change the order of the business for the day to read as follows: No. 1. To insert Luther League report at 3:30. Motion carried. No. 2. To postpone Ministerial Education Report to Session Four. Motion carried. No. 3. To repeat the 1:30 order of business after the Institutions reports. Motion carried.

The Luther League Report: the Rev. Sherman Frederick presented Miss Gynith Giffin, President of the Synodical Luther League, who addressed the Synod on the work of the Luther League.

The announcement of Synod Committees was read by the Secretary.

The Midland College Report was presented by Rev. W. W. Alexander. He presented Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland College, who addressed the Synod. It was noted that the Financial and Auditor's Reports were absent from the Midland College Report. The Board of Trustees was instructed to present said reports.

The Committee on Elections reported that the Rev. Heinz Ritzen, having received the majority of votes cast for the secretary to be elected to that office.

The election of the Treasurer: Motion that the Secretary cast the ballot for Synod for the election of Mr. Charles M. Stark as Treasurer. Motion carried. The Secretary cast the ballot for Synod. Mr. Charles M. Stark was declared the duly elected Treasurer.

The election for Tabitha Home Trustee Clerical representative. Motion: that By Law Section 7, Paragraph 5, be suspended in the matter of election to Tabitha Home Board. Motion carried.

Ruling of the Chair that term be four years. Carried. 27 Yes and 14 Noes. The Chair was sustained.

Motion: was made that the Executive Committee be instructed to investigate the possibility of making the K.S.L. mailing list available to Midland College, Central Seminary and Tabitha Home for the purpose of mailing advertising bulletins. Motion carried.

The Committee on Elections reported the Rev. C. J. Naugle elected for a four year term.

Motion to extend Session Three time of adjournment to 5:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion made that special order to hear the Representative of Tabitha Home as the next item of business. Motion carried.

Tabitha Home Report was presented by Rev. C. J. Naugle. He presented Dr. A. W. Young, Supt. of Tabitha Home who spoke to the Synod on the work of Tabitha Home.

A guest was presented. The Rev. Walter Evan Meyer of Inman, Kansas. A pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Committee on Elections reported the election of Mr. Fred H. Stotts, as Lay Trustee to the Midland College Board.

The Session adjourned with prayer by the Chaplain.

The Convention Dinner was held at the Bisonte Hotel at 6:45 P.M. Mr. LeRoy Rinard, Salina, Toastmaster. Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska, the Speaker.

Session Four

Session Four was opened at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 22, with devotions by Convention Chaplain Arthur E. Schmidt. The Rev. Henry H. Bagger, D.D., addressed the Delegates and Guests of the Two Conventions.

Reference and Counsel Report: was presented by Rev. Harry Allen.

Introduction of Guests, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. C. Schuldt, Fremont, Nebraska. Motion was made that Dr. Schmidt be granted the privilege of the floor. Motion carried. Dr. Schuldt, the President of the Nebraska Synod brought greetings from the Nebraska Synod.

President Tonsing gave reply to the extended greetings.

Pastor Ritzen presented Mayor Charles Brown of Hutchinson, Kansas who brought the greetings of the City of Hutchinson to the Synod.

President Tonsing made a reply to the greetings from Mayor Brown.

Pastor Ritzen presented the Rev. H. O. Lindeblad of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, of Hutchinson, Kansas. He brought greetings from the Kansas Conference of the Augustana Synod on the behalf of President H. Everett Hedeen, the Conference President.

President Tonsing, acknowledged the greetings from the Augustana Synod.

First order of business. The Minutes of Session Three. Postponement of their approval until the afternoon session was made.

The election for Clerical member of the Midland College Board.

The report of the Parish Education Committee was presented by the Rev. Aksel Larsen. Recommendation No. 1. Motion to strike the word regular. Motion carried. Motion, that the Recommendation be adopted as corrected. Motion carried. Recommendation No. 2. Motion that the Recommendation be adopted. Motion carried. Motion: that Recommendation 2 be referred to the executive committee with power to act. Motion carried. Recommendation No. 3. Motion that the Recommendation be adopted. Motion carried. (Recommendations No. 2 and No. 3, are Recommendations 3 and 4, of the Executive Committee Report.)

The Central Seminary report was presented by the Rev. H. V. Baird. He presented Dr. E. B. Keisler, President of the Central Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska, who addressed the Synod.

The Lutheran World Action Report was presented by the Rev.

R. W. Albert. He presented the Rev. Rollin Shaffer, New York City, L.W.A. representative who addressed the Synod.

Motion was made that the time be extended until 12:00 p.m. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Announcement that the Three Synodical Conferences would hold their meetings following adjournment.

Adjournment with prayer by the Convention Chaplain.

Session Five

(Part One)

Session Five, convened at 2:00 P.M., April 22.

Motion: That the unfinished business of Session Four be the first items of business. The Synod Merger Committee report to be the first item for consideration after 3:15 P.M. Motion carried.

The Committee on Minutes presented the Minutes of Session Three for approval. Adopted. The Conference reports.

The Eastern Conference report was presented by the Rev. H. V. Baird. He reported the election of President, the Rev. W. F. Most, Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. H. V. Baird and Layman, Mr. George Reichel, Kansas City, Mo. to the Executive Committee, of Synod.

The Southern Conference report was presented by the Rev. Olney Eaton. He reported the election of President, the Rev. Olney Eaton; Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. Max Geissler, and Layman, Mr. Paul Buskirk, to the Executive Committee of Synod.

The Western Conference report was presented by the Rev. J. Franklin Schirck. He reported the election of the President, the Rev. Martin Ashley, Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. J. Franklin Schirck, and Layman Mr. Verne Webster, Salina, to the Executive Committee of Synod.

Motion that the Synod accept the nominees of Presidents and Laymen to the Executive Committee of Synod. Motion carried, (as made by the Three Conferences of Synod.)

The Ministerial Education Committee report was presented by the Rev. Heinz Ritzen, and read to the Synod. Names of Ministerial Students added were: Richard Dunning, Sophmore at Midland College and Merle Moebus, Junior at Midland College.

Recommendation: Motion that Recommendation as amended be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee on Elections reported the election of the Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, to Clerical Trustee of the Midland Board, to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. W. W. Alexander of three years. So declared by the Vice President.

Th election for Clerical Home Missions Committee.

The Foreign Missions Committee report was presented by the Rev. Harry Allen. Dr. T. Benton Peery, member of the U.L.C.A. Foreign Missions Board was presented and addressed the Synod.

The Committee on Elections reported the election of Layman Mr. Wilfred Reigle to the Home Missions Committee.

The Social Missions Committee report was presented by the Rev. Max Geissler. Motion that the Recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

The Disaster Relief Report was presented by the Rev. E. F. Tonsing.

The Inter-Synodical Welfare Committee report was presented by the Rev. Max Geissler. The Recommendation in the report was withdrawn.

Adjournment for recess.

The Session reconvened at 3:15 P.M.

The Special Order for Synod Merger Committee report. The chair relinquished the gavel to the Vice President. The report was presented by President Tonsing.

The Joint Committee on Merger report was as follows: He presented in harmony with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, in print, over the signatures of five clerical members of the Synod, the Proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and moved that the said Constitution become, by amendment by substitution, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. The motion was seconded.

Recommendations on Page 32 of the Constiution Proposal were read Seriatim in consideration for necessary amendment.

Motion: That the Nine Recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

Correction made on print under caption "Information," and between "Resolutions of Merger," on Page 33, in the Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States.

"If the merge is effected, the Joint Committee on Merger will present at the first convention of the merged Synod the following Motion: 'Viz' The Synod advises its Pastors to avoid membership in Fraternal Organizations because such membership offends the conscience of many Christians." If the merger effected the following. Caption, "Resolutions of Merger."

Special Order: The Publications report of presented by the Rev. T. Benton Peery, who read his report to the Synod.

Motion: That Synod reconvene immediately after the Convention Vespers in order to accomplish the remainder of todays unfinished business. Motion carried.

The Committee on Elections reported that the Rev. G. W. Eller, was elected as clerical member to the Home Missions Committee.

The Session adjourned with prayer by the Chaplain.

Session Five

The Convention Vespers began at 7:30 P.M., with the Rev. Heinz Ritzen as Liturgist. Miss Agnes Christianson was the speaker. She spoke on her work in India and showed colored slides of the work in which she was engaged. The Synodical and W.M.S. Officers were installed by

the Presidents, The Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing, President of Synod, and Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, President of the W.M.S.

Session Six

Session Six convened at 10:05 P.M., April 22. Following the Convention Vespers.

Motion: To amend and correct motion the President's report. And to refer the report without recommendation to the Committee on the President's report. Motion carried.

The Youth Work report was presented by the Rev. Sherman Frederick. Three recommendations were included in the report. Motion that these three recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

The Lutheran Youth Camp report was presented by the Rev. Aksel Larsen.

The Camp Wa Shun Ga report was presented by the Rev. George L. Search.

The United Lutheran Church of American Delegates report was presented by the Rev. R. W. Albert.

The Constitution Committee report was made by the Rev. H. V. Baird. The report to include examination of the Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Raytown, Missouri constitution.

The Rev. H. V. Baird presented Article Three, Section 1, Paragraph 2, amended to read: in the Constitution of the Kansas Synod.

"The term of the President shall be five years and that of other Officers shall be one year, or until their successors have been elected. They shall be eligible to re-election."

Article Five, Section 1, amended by adding a paragraph numbered Five.

"It shall determine the salary of the President and any other full time Officers, when not otherwise determined and it shall make budgetary provisions to meet the necessary expenses."

Signatures: H. Vance Baird
Eugene Smith
Richard O. Scherch
Sherman E. Frederick
Martin Ashley

The report on Displaced Persons was presented by the Rev. W. W. Alexander.

The report of the Kansas Synod Lutheran was presented by the Rev. Olney Eaton, Editor.

The Kansas Christian Rural Overseas Program Report was presented by the Rev. Wayne Barthel. Motion that the Synod of Kansas cooperate with the Christian Rural Overseas Program in 1953 if approved by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America. Motion defeated.

The Conference Reports the Eastern Conference report was pre-

sented by the Rev. H. V. Baird. The Southern Conference Report was presented by the Rev. Olney Eaton.

The Synodical Budget Items for 1954 were presented by the Rev. W. W. Alexander.

Motion that the recommendation be adopted of following division for 1954 receipts. Motion carried.

Motion for special order to hear committee on President's report. Motion carried.

The Committee on the President's report was presented by the Rev. Aksel Larsen. The Vice President called for a standing vote expressing appreciation to the President for his services. The Synod expressed itself by a standing vote of appreciation.

The Session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. George W. Eller.

Session Seven

Session Seven opened at 9:00 A.M., Thursday morning, April 24. Devotions were conducted by the Chaplain Arthur E. Schmidt.

The Session was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

The Committee on Minutes report: the Rev. R. O. Scherch presenting the minutes of Session Five. Motion to adopt the minutes of Session Five as corrected. Motion carried. Motion that Wednesday evening Session be designated in the Minutes as Session Six, and that Thursday morning Session be designated as Session Seven. Motion carried.

The Reference and Counsel report: The introduction of Guests: Mr. Harry Zimmerman, Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, W.M.S. President, the Rev. Milton Vogel, Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches. Motion that they be granted the privilege of the floor. Motion carried.

Motion: to reconsider the Budget for 1954. Motion carried.

Motion: to amend the proposed 1954 Budget for U.L.C.A. to read $45,315. Motion carried.

Motion: to recess until 10:15 A.M. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee presented the revised figures for part of each $11 for amendment.

Motion: to amend the Budget apportionment for 1954 as follows:

Name		Part of each $11		
ULCA	from	$ 5.701	to	$ 6.10
Midland		2,343		2.256
Central		.759		.750
Tabitha		.154		.100
K.S.L.		.199		.100
Home Missions		.666		.600
Min. Education		.220		.205
Synod Treas.		.814		.710
Contingency Fund		.150		.179
		$11.00		$11.00

Total $11 in each instance.

Motion to amend the amendment. Motion carried. The apportionment for 1954 be determined on the basis of $11 per communing member.

Motion: to adopt the Budget as revised for 1954. Motion carried.

Motion: that Synod empower the Executive Committee to align existing balances in the various funds at the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried.

The W.M.S. report was presented by Mrs. Ernest F. Tonsing, President of the Synodical W.M.S. Mrs. Tonsing was introduced and presented the report and brought greetings from the Society.

The Synodical Brotherhood report: the Chair requested that a written report be obtained to be inserted in the Synodical Minutes.

The Liturgy and Music report was presented by the Rev. Arthur Angersbach, which he read to the Synod.

No Rural Work report.

The Ministerial Pensions Committee report was presented by Mr. Ira Koogle. Motion: that the committee on Ministerial Pensions be instructed to write the Board of American Missions, asking that the Health Insurance Policy be made to cover the whole family of the Missionary Pastor, as completely as the Pastor himself. Motion carried.

Motion: to extend the time to 12:15 p.m. Motion carried.

The Deaconess Work report was presented by the Secretary.

The Kansas Council of Churches report was presented by the Rev. Max Geissler. He introduced the Rev. Milton Vogel, Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches and Christian Education, Topeka, Kansas, who addressed the Synod.

Recommendations: Recommendation No. 1. Motion: that Recommendation No. 1, be referred to the Executive Committee for examination and action. Motion carried. Recommendation No. 2: that it be referred to the Executive committee, Motion carried. Motion: that Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2, be referred to the Executive committee for examination and consideration, and that a recommendation be presented to the 1954 meeting of Synod. Motion carried.

The Committee on Protocol report was presented by the Rev. Martin C. Ashley.

The Committee on Claims was presented by the Rev. Calvin J. Naugle. Motion: that these claims be allowed. Motion carried.

The Committee on Elections report was presented by the Rev. Martin C. Ashley.

The Committee on Absentees and Excuses report was presented by the Rev. Eugene Smith. Motion: that the report be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee on Minutes report was presented by the Rev. R. O. Scherch. Motion: that the Executive Committee approve Minutes of Sessions Six and Seven, and that they be inserted in the Minutes of Synod. Motion carried.

Report of the President

Our beloved Synod convenes the 85th annual Convention this year. The years have seen many changes in congregations, but the same spirit of willingness co-operation that characterized the founders has lived to strengthen the organization today. We are thankful to Almighty God that he has graciously permitted us to work together, to harvest souls to His glory, and to strive to be good and faithful servants in his vineyard of the Middle West.

As his term draws to a close, the incumbent President desires to thank all who have borne the burdens of synodical responsibility, the appointed and elected committeemen, the secretaries, the representatives to institutions and agencies, the auxiliary organizations, and especially the conference presidents and members of the executive committee. Any successful work owes its strength to these faithful brethren.

There are a number of items which should enter our prayers and our future planning. One is the proposal for merger of the Synods of Kansas, Midwest and Nebraska, the constitution for which is to be entered upon our Minutes this session. Another is the growing scarcity of pastors for our congregations, which should ease as seminary graduates in larger numbers enter the active ministry. A further item is the ever-expanding home missions program which challenges us to keep up our plan to organize at least one new mission each year. Still another is the need for strengthening existing congregations through evangelism and witness, so that growth is evident, rather than the opposite trend.

Stewardship in the synod has been of high quality, so that with few exceptions each congregation is to be commended on accepting the challenge of greater apportionment with zeal and self-sacrifice.

The synod was sorrowed by the passing of our brother, Pastor Herbert Pett, of St. John's, Wellington. An offering was received throughout the congregations for the widow and family.

One congregation, St. Peter's, Langdon, was struck by the spring flood of the Missouri river, so that the church was damaged extensively, and most of the homes of the congregation were inundated. With the aid of the synod disaster fund, and a grant from the Board of Social Missions, the congregation was able to restore its house of worship and rededicate it this spring.

We commend to you the following report on official acts and other information, which the President presents in accord with the direction of the Constitution of Synod:

Special Acts

April 27, attended dedication, and spoke at reception of Kent Memorial congregation, Sunrise Beach, Mo., into Synod.

May 25, attended and spoke at Synodical Men's Brotherhood Convention at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

June 15, spoke at cornerstone laying for Church at St. Mark's, Waterville.

June 29, Reformation Lutheran Church, Wichita, officially received into Synod by the Rev. Olney E. Eaton upon appointment by president.

July 25, preached at funeral services for the Rev. Herbert H. Pett, St. John's, Wellington.

September 14, addressed evening service at 50th Anniversary celebration, Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas.

October 20, spoke at banquet celebrating 75th Anniversary, Peabody.

October 22, invocation at inauguration of President Paul Dieckman, Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

November 2, sermon at dedication of St. Mark's Church, Waterville.

March 8, rededication at St. Peter's church, Langdon, Mo., the Rev. Reno R. Frobenius, Eastern Conference president, representing the synod upon appointment of president.

April 17, greetings to Kansas Conference, Augustana Synod, in Topeka.

Appointments

Committees were appointed as directed by the Constitution, and are listed in the 1952-53 Directory. Changes and additions are as follows:

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga and Lutheran Youth Committees newly appointed September 30, to act until fall, 1953.

L.W.R. Food Relief Committee, Rev. Wayne Barthel, chairman, Rev. George L. Search, Rev. Max Geissler.

Examining Committee, the Rev. H. G. Ritzen appointed to succeed the late Pastor Herbert Pett, unexpired term to 1954.

Social Missions Committee, Pastor Max Geissler appointed chairman to succeed Pastor Theodore Moehring, resigned. Pastor Arthur Schmidt to vacancy. Rev. Walter Moeller added to committee.

Ministerial Education Committee. Pastor Martin Ashley added to committee.

Great Plains Health and Hospital Association representative, the Rev. George L. Search.

Kansas Lutheran Welfare Committee representatives, Rev. Max Geissler, Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing.

Lutheran Youth Camps Committee, Rev. Aksel Larsen, chairman.

Synodical Roll

The Synodical Roll contains 37 pastors: 31 are serving parishes or congregations of Synod; four are retired and/or pastors emeritus, one is a professor, one is serving an Augustana congregation.

Deaths

The Rev. Hebert H. Pett, July 22, 1952, pastor of St. John's church, Wellington, Kansas.

Received By Transfer

The Rev. Don Zinger, from the Illinois Synod.

The Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt, from the Illinois Synod.

The Rev. Walter Moeller, from the Synod of the Northwest.

Resignations

The Rev. W. W. Klover, from St. John's, Salina, effective June 30, to Grace church, Santa Monica, Calif., California Synod.

The Rev. Edwin Hirsch, from Bethlehem, Kansas City, Mo., to Jackson County, Mo., mission, effective June 1.

The Rev. C. N. Swihart, at own request, to Iowa Synod.

The Rev. Theodore Moehring, from Scherer Memorial, Chapman, Kansas, effective October 12, 1952, to Casper, Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Synod.

The Rev. Louis Weitzenkamp, from Rockport-Langdon parish, effective November 15, to English Lutheran, Iowa Falls, Iowa, Iowa Synod.

The Rev. Wayne B. Barthel, from St. John's, Bendena, effective January 7, 1953, to Scherer Memorial, Chapman.

The Rev. Andreas Bard, to California Synod, Jan. 26, 1953.

Calls Accepted, Installations

The Rev. Clarence Hansen, Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Mo. Installed June 25, by the President.

The Rev. Don Zinger, Bethlehem, Kansas City, Mo. Installed July 13, by the Rev. R. R. Frobenius.

The Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt, United, Cole Camp, Mo. Installed August 24, by the President.

The Rev. Walter H. Moeller, St. John's, Salina. Installed November 2, by the President.

The Rev. Wayne B. Barthel, Scherer Memorial, Chapman. Installed February 15, by the President.

Supplies Authorized

Arno Lehmann, Central Seminary graduate, to New Cambria-Mentor parish, effective August 1.

Dr. G. N. Mendenhall, supply at Wellington as needed.

Mr. Gilbert Mueller, student at Wartburg Seminary, to Rockport-Langdon parish, December 28, 1952, and January 4, 1953.

The Rev. Arthur Schmidt, Cole Camp, to Trinity, Sedalia, until pastor secured.

The Rev. Emmet Ecklund, Lindsborg, to Wilson, until regular pastor secured.

Bendena, Lancaster, Rockport-Langdon, Wellington, receiving regular supplies from Central Seminary.

Congregation Received

Reformation, Wichita, was formally received on June 29, by the Rev. Olney E. Eaton, on appointment by the President.

Mission Congregation Started

Jackson County, Mo., Blue Rridge Trinity, first service September 21, organizer the Rev. E. J. Hirsch.

Parish Visits

The following congregations have been visited during the synodical year: Bendena, Chapman, Cole Camp, Emporia, Kansas City (Bethlehem), Kansas City (Blue Ridge Trinity), Lancaster, Langdon, Peabody, Prairie Village, Rockport, Salina, Sedalia, Sunrise Beach, Waterville, Wellington, Wichita (Reformation), Wilson.

Conferences, Committees, Boards

Midland Board May 27-28, October 22-23.

Central Seminary Board, May 6, September 2-3.

L.W.R. Food Program Committee, Topeka, July 23.

Ministerial Education Committee, Topeka, July 24, 1952, January 13, 1953.

Synodical Luther League Executive Committee, Topeka, September 27.

Home Missions Committee, Topeka, September 29, 1952; Kansas City, Mo., January 27, 1953.

Examining Committee, Topeka, September 30.

Conferences: Eastern, Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., October 19; Southern, Peabody, October 27.

Post-Hanover Conference, Kansas City, Mo., November 6.

Synod Merger Committee: At Kansas City, Kansas, November 17 and 18, and February 16 and 17; at Omaha, Nebraska, March 16 and 17.

Executive Committee: at Topeka, May 15, September 30, January 13, 1953.

Presidents Conference U.L.C.A., at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 3-5.

New Buildings

Sunrise Beach, Mo., church dedicated April 27.

Waterville, St. Mark's, dedicated November 2.

Prairie Village, Faith, ground broken for church October 5.

Sunrise Beach, Mo., Kent Memorial, new parsonage completed in February. Dedicated April 27.

Tulsa, Okla., First, new parsonage purchased in December.

Pensions

Mrs. Herbert H. Pett secured a widow's persion.

Dr. George N. Mendenhall secured a pastor's pension, effective September 1.

Ernest L. Tonsing.

Report of the Necrologist

Once again we are called upon to mourn the departure of a valiant soldier of the cross. The Reverend Herbert Pett has laid down the weapons of his warfare and has gone to receive his crown. His example should be an inspiration to us, as he labored on under difficulties and handicaps, faithful unto death, and his work will bear fruit in generations yet unborn.

Pastor Pett was born May 12, 1907 in Richford, Wis, the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ernest H. Pett. Most of his youth was spent in the state of Nebraska. He married Miss Emily Ziesch, of Perry, Okla., August 3, 1937. To this union three children were born, Mary Louise, Linda Ruth, and Victor Herbert, all of the home.

Rev. Pett was a graduate of the Chillicothe school of business at Chillicothe, Mo., in 1929. He received his A.B. degree from Midland College, Fremont, Nebr., in 1933, and graduated from Western (now Central) Theological Seminary, Fremont, in 1936.

Following his ordination he accepted a call to the Perry-Stillwater parish, Okla., serving Zion and Salem congregations. Other parishes served included St. John's, Lancaster, Kans., St. John's, Dunlap, Iowa, and the Wellington congregation. In Wellington he was active in the Ministerial Association, and was elected treasurer of that group the year he became ill. In the Kansas Synod he served in Luther League work and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern Conference.

He passed away after a long illness, July 22, 1952. Funeral services were held July 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Wellington. The President of Synod, Rev. E. F. Tonsing, brought a message of comfort to the bereaved, and the President of the Southern Conference, Rev. Olney F. Eaton, was the liturgist; both former pastors of the Wellington congregation. The Rev. Aksel Larson, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, Okla., and brother-in-law of Rev. Pett, also spoke during the service.

Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery, Fremont, Nebraska, with Dr. T. J. C. Sculdt, President of the Nebarska Synod, and a former classmate of Rev. Pett, in charge.

We grieve for the loss from our companionship of this useful servant of the Lord, and we extend our sympathy to those whose loss is greater than ours. We humbly pray that God, who has sustained them thus far, may keep them in his tender care until the day of glad reunion.

J. A. McCulloch

Executive Committee Report

The Synodical Executive Committee met three times in regular session since the past Synodical Convention. The ad-interim business of Synod was prayerfully considered and acted upon, and regular and special reports were heard from the Officers and other Officials of elected and appointed committees.

Detail reports are on file, and have been sent to pastors and in digest form to the Kansas Synod Lutheran. The following is an outline of actions taken.

Meeting of May 23, 1952.

Approval of Sessions 7 and 8, of the Synodical Minutes. The realignment of the Kansas City churches for alphabetical arrangement, as to name. A letter of appreciation to St. Johns Wellington to the Congregation for their kind consideration and care for their Pastor Herbert H. Pett, to be written by the President. The recommendation of the Southern Conference: To correlate meetings of the three conferences so as to meet simultaneously and to set up identical programs and to use the same speaker for the meetings. And that the executive committee plan the conference program. Motion: That the presidents of the conferences be instructed to meet and arrange the scheduled program for the fall meetings. Carried. Eastern Memorial to Synod to sponsor an Institute for Public School Teachers. Motion: That this matter be referred to the Parish Education Committee. Carried.

Pension Committee: The two recommendations. Motion: That action be postponed and that the Pension Committee study the Health and Accident Insurance possibilities and report to the Synod. Carried. Motion: That President Tonsing write a letter to the churches of Synod for aid to Pastor Herbert H. Pett. Carried. Motion: That the ULCA Delegates from Synod be instructed to vote in favor of a minimum pension. Carried.

The Rev. Eugene Smith was elected to succeed the Rev. W. W. Klover as Western Conference president. The Rev. R. W. Albert to succeed the Rev. W. W. Klover as clerical member of the Midland College Board. Constitution: Motion that the Kansas Synod Constitution be mimeographed and that copies be mailed to each pastor. Carried. Christian Will Enclosure: Motion: That sufficient copies be printed for distribution to each home of the Synod's congregation. Carried.

Central Seminary: Presented a request for aid at this time Motion: That $1370 be paid out of the contingent fund. Payable on similiar action by other supporting Synods. The President to give the order to the Treasurer when such action has been fulfilled. Carried. Motion: That the executive committe voice our disapproval of demands for financial aid from the contingent fund being made so soon after the Synodical meeting; at which time this matter should have been properly presented. Carried.

Student Service: For the work at the Kansas University. A request for $200; or $100 per semester beginning this September. A written report to be made to Synod. Motion: That this be granted. Carried.

Brotherhood Convention: To be held Sunday May 25, at Camp Wa Shun Ga. The Appeal for Pastor Herbert H. Pett: Motion: That Sunday, June 29, that an appeal for financial aid be asked of each congregation. Carried.

Meeting of September 30, 1952.

Pastor Pett Fund showed a total of $2794.97. A request by Mrs.

Herbert H. Pett, for a list of contributors that she might express appreciation to those who so graciously gave. Granted.

Home Missions: The approval of the Jackson County, Missouri Mission field. Faith, Prairie Village, Kansas to break ground October 5. Reformation: Wichita, Kansas, prospects of building in fall of 1953. Kent Memorial, Sun Rise Beach, Mo. The need of a parsonage. Jackson County Mo. Motion. That Synod aid in the purchase of a parsonage. Carried. Also Motion: To purchase church lots for Jackson County, Mo. and the authorization of the expenditure of $2000 from the contingency fund to the Home Missions Committee for the same. Carried.

Synodical Institutions: Motion: That the secretary of Synod write a letter to the Synodical Institutions that because many of the congregations now work on a unified budget, that all solicitation of funds made by institutions be presented to the congregations at least six months before the year in which the solicitation is to be made, and that Presidents of Synods be informed, whenever a representative of the institution is on the territory on such solicitation. Carried.

Examining Committee: The Rev. Walter H. Moeller, called to St. John, Salina, Kansas. Transfer from Northwest Synod certified. Supply Arno Lehman, New Cambria-Mentor, Ks. We recommend that he apply for his first naturalization papers and clear his national status before ordination. Pastor George Search to write Dr. E. B. Keisler of Central Seminary on the need for proper grounding of Seminary Studnts in the Fundamentals of the Sacraments. Motion: That the treasurer be instructed to advance funds to committee on ministerial education from contingent fund. And that this transfer be made at end of the year instead of now. Carried. Luther League: Motion: To endorse Four Phase Program report. Carried. Camp Wa Shun Ga: Motion: That the rates be $2.20 per day. Carried. Camp Chairman George Search, reelected. Lutheran Youth Camp: New committee Pastor A. C. Larsen, Director, Pastor S. E. Frederick, Harvey Bernhardt. Two laymen to be chosen by the director. Synod Merger: Meeting to be held at Town House, Kansas City, Kansas, Nov. 17.

Camp Merger: By Pastor Eugene Smith. That we think ahead for Camp Wa Shun Ga in consideration of future merger of Synods and relation to Augustana. L. W. A.: A LWA representative, Dr. Martin Dietrich to be on our territory. To speak at Southern Conference and where ever invited to do so. Bids: That Mr. Edwin Abels, Lawrence, Ks., be given the printing of the Synodical Minutes. Carried. Motion: That the Emporia Gazette be designated as the printer of the Kansas Synod Lutheran. Carried. W.M.S. By Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Pres. The suggestion of a combined meeting with the State Brotherhood at Camp Wa Shun Ga. The Brotherhood setting the date for the combined meeting.

Meeting of January 13, 1953.

Treasurer: Motion: To appoint Kennedy & Cole, Auditors of Salina, Ks., to audit the treasurer's books. Carried. Motion: To commend our treasurer for work well done. Carried.

Appointments: To the Social Missions Committee, the Rev. W. H.

Moeller. To Lutheran Youth Camps Committee, the Rev. A. C. Larsen.

Past Communications: No reply received from Central Seminary, relative to soliciatation. Motion: That Dr. E. B. Keisler, be sent a copy of the previous letter and that he be asked to give a reply. Carried.

Officers to name Chaplain for next meeting of Synod. To survey possibilities of outside speaker or one from Synod. Motion: That honorarium be paid. Carried. Kent Memorial: Motion: To expedite note on Kent Memorial Parsonage. Carried. Jackson County, Mission, Mo., Motion: That the mission group be asked to reconsider the name. (Trinity.) Carried. Motion: That Blue Ridge property be secured as outlined by Pastor C. J. Naugle. Carried. (See Home Missions Report.)

Foreign Missions: Dr. Edmund G. Wood, India, to be on itinerary in Synod during January and February 1953.

Parish Education: Recommendations: 1. That Synod allocate $50 for Visual Aids library. Motion: Carried. 2. Referred to Statistician of Synod for printed directory of Parish leaders. 3. Regarding $50 scholarship allotment for Public & Private School Teachers Institute. To be referred to Synod. 4. That congregations be encouraged to contribute in part or whole to the expense of sending one or more teachers from their membership to a Board sponsored Institute. To be referred to Synod. 5. The suggested emphasis for 1953 convention of Synod be Parish Education, with Central theme. The Week Day School. Motion: Be not approved. Carried.

Wa Shun Ga: By Mr. Buskirk. Wiring and dyke to be completed. Repairs and painting to be done this Spring.

Youth Work: Request for $300 to be placed in Budget for Luther League 1953. Motion: Be allowed. Carried.

Synod Merger: Next meeting at Town House, February 9 to 10, 1953, at Kansas City, Kansas.

Student Work: The LSA would like to present skit of 30 minutes to present LSA to Synod. Pastor R. W. Albert to present Kansas State Lutheran Students Foundation to the Synod.

Request: From the Secretary of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kansas., concerning a special ordination service for Mr. Eldon Sheneman, son of their congregation. Who has accepted a call to the assistantship of St. Johns, Des Moines, Ia. Motion: The executive committee is not empowered to grant the privilege of holding an ordination service at Trinity, Lawrence, Ks. This is only the right of Synod to grant this privilege. Carried.

Ministerial Education: Motion that $1000 be given Ministerial Education Fund from the contingency fund. Carried.

Apportionment 1954: ULCA Apportionment $45,315, based on 7424 Communing Members. Motion: That ration be $11 per capita for the 1954 budget. Carried. Motion: That Executive Committee make the following adjustments in 1953 apportionment figures for 1954. KSL be .20, Contingency Fund be .15. That the ULC amount be such as to bring

the total apportionment to $11. Carried. Motion: To print second column 1954 Budget set-up dealing with $11 ratio. Carried.

1. That the following be the division of receipts for 1954 apportionment.

(See bottom of Page 16 for Amended Budget as adopted in Convention.)

Name	Percent	Part of each 11.00	Total
ULCA	51.8	$ 5.701	$42,301.95
Midland	21.3	2.343	17,394.43
Central	6.9	.759	5,634.81
Tabitha	1.4	.154	1,143.30
K. S. L.	1.8	.199	1,469.95
Home Missions	6.0	.660	4,899.84
Min. Education	2.0	.220	1,633.28
Synod Treas.	7.4	.814	6,043.14
Contingent Fund	1.4	.150	1,143.30
	100.0	$11.00	$81.664.00

Adopted.

Willard W. Alexander, Secretary

REPORT OF AUDITOR

SUMMARY STATMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND FUND BALANCES

May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953

Fund	Fund Balance 5-1-52	Receipts 5-1-52 to 1-5-53	Disbursements 5-1-52 to 1-5-53	Fund Balance 1-5-53
Synodical Treasurer	$ 1,447.20	$ 3,950.58	$ 3,842.60	$ 1,555.18
Home Missions	2,215.42	22,098.73	20,684.77	3,629.38
Mission Ten Club	3,777.50	3,319.00	5,807.50	1,289.00
Kansas Synod Lutheran	502.52	1,436.73	699.12	1,240.13
Tabitha Home		2,337.84	2,377.84	
Midland College		11,834.63	11,834.63	
Ministerial Education	130.69	1,967.83	788.51	1,310.01
Lutheran World Action		9,653.12	9,653.12	
The United Lutheran Church in America		26,313.97	26,313.97	
Foreign Missions		154.37	154.37	
Lutheran Youth Camp	350.41	29.14	346.20	33.35
Children of Church		31.35	31.35	
Central Seminary		2,872.59	2,872.59	
C. H. E. Y.		176.00	176.00	
Contingent Fund	1,047.44	110.31		1,157.75
Miscellaneous Receipts		541.17	541.17	
Miscellaneous— Rev. Herbert Pett		3,001.57	3,001.57	
Lutheran Subscriptions	138.00	10.00	8.00	140.00
Flood Relief	724.95		724.95	
Totals	$10,334.13	$89,838.93	$89,818.26	$10,354.80

Fund Balance—January 5, 1953, Represented By:		
Cash in The National Bank of America, Salina, Kansas		$ 6,658.92
Checks on Hand for Deposit		
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri	$1,883.16	
Faith Lutheran Church Mission, Kansas	178.00	
St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, Kan.	1,264.02	
Lutheran Church Benevolence Account, Peabody, Kansas	290.70	
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, Ks.	80.00	3,695.88
Total		$10,354.80

Note—Included in Home Missions disbursements is a purchase of land in the amount of $10,000.00 and for the construction of a parsonage at the Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, in the amount of $6,000.00.

CASH RECEIPTS

May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953

	Cash Receipts	Apportionment of Apportioned Benevolence	Apportionment of Contingent Fund	Fund
Apportioned Benevolence	$52,627.96	$52,627.96	$	$
Synodical Treasurer	124.14	3,826.04		3,950.18
Home Missions	16,988.41	3,110.32	2,000.00	22 098.73
Mission Ten Club	3,319.00			3,319.00
Kansas Lutheran Synod		1,436.73		1,436.73
Tabitha Home	1,622.08	715.76		2,337.84
Midland College	593.30	11,241.33		11,834.63
Ministerial Education	10.00	957.83	1,000.00	1,967.83
Lutheran World Action	9,653.12			9,653.12
United Lutheran Church in America		26,313.97		26,313.97
Foreign Missions	154.37			154.37
Lutheran Youth Camp	29.14			29.14
Children of Church	31.35			31.35
Central Seminary	956.92	1,915.67		2,872.59
C. H. E. Y.	176.00			176.00
Contingent Fund		3,110.31	3,000.00	110.31
Miscellaneous Fund	541.17			541.17
Miscellaneous—				
Rev. Herbert Pett	3,001.57			3,001.57
Lutheran Subscroptions	10.00			10.00
Totals	$89,838.53	$	$	$89,838.53

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND FUND BALANCE—CAMP WA-SHUN-GA

May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953

Beginning Balance—Cash in Bank		
Plus—Receipts		
Cash from John W. Carr, former treasurer	$10,592.70	
Camp Fees	16,310.63	
Sales Tax	372.15	
Store	2,262.14	
Extra Meals	38.25	
Miscellaneous	195.50	
Total Cash Receipts		$29,771.37
Less—Disbursements		
Revolving Fund—Rev. Charles Stuart	$ 389.48	
Kitchen	5,169.08	
Salaries	3,176.80	
Store	1,557.49	
Permanent Equipment	5,802.95	
Extra Help	533.60	
Truck—Tractor Hire	41.43	
Utilities	328.53	
Repairs	47.08	
Mileage	351.95	
Pickup Expense	138.07	
Maintenance	1,356.68	
Incidental	283.09	
Sales Tax	372.25	
Total Disbursements		$19,548.48
Ending Balance—Cash in Bank		$10,222.89
Fund Balance—January 5, 1953, Represented By:		
Cash in The National Bank of America, Salina, Kansas		$10,222.89

February 10, 1953

Members of the Directory of Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas
and Adjacent States.
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your instructions we have examined the books and records of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States for the period May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

Our examination consisted of the verification of receipts, disbursements, and cash balances only, and did not include a verification of assets other than cash or of liabilities. Cash receipt vouchers were traced to the

receipts journal, and the total receipts for the period was compared with the total deposits for the period as recorded on the statements from the depositary. The totals were found to be in substantial agreement, an adjustment of $ .40 being necessary to bring them into balance.

Cancelled checks for the period were examined for date, signature, payee, amount and endorsement. All cancelled checks available for inspection were compared with entries in the Cash Disbursements Journal, and all check numbers were accounted for with the exception of th following checks which had been charged to the Synod but which were not available for inspection:

December 4, 1952, No. 170, John R. Nelson	$110.00
December 4, 1952, No. 172, Rev. Edwin Hirsch	15.00
December 4, 1952, No. 175, Rev. Eugene Smith	17.40
December 4, 1952, No. 179, Rev. Calvin Naugle	12.25
	$154.65

The following is a brief summary of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and cash balances for the period May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953.

	Synod	Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	Total
Beginning Balance—Cash in Bank	$ -	$ -	$ -
Plus—Receipts			
Cash from John W. Carr, former treasurer	10,334.13	10,592.70	20,926.83
Cash Receipts—May 1, 1952, to January 5, 1953	89,838.93	19,178.67	109,017.60
	$100.173.06	$29,771.37	$129,944.43
Less—Disbursements	89,818.26	19,548.58	109.366.74
Ending Balance—Cash on Hand and in Bank	$ 10,354.80	$10,222.89	$ 20,577.69

Receipts from the various churches for the Apportioned Benevolence and Lutheran World Action Funds were traced to the treasurer's apportionment records. All receipts were properly accounted for by the treasurer.

The records examined were under the jurisdiction of Mr. Charles M. Stark. Salina, Kansas.

Receipts, disbusements and the cash balance of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga were verified in accordance with the procedure outlined for the verification of the receipts and disbursements of the Synod.

The courtesy and assistance extended during the course of this examination is greatly appreciated and any further information contained in our files will be furnished upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Kennedy and Coe
Certified Public Accountants,
Salina, Kansas

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Disbursements & Balance

	Balance Jan. 5 1952	Receipts Appor.	Receipts Others	Disbursements	Balance Jan. 5 1953
U. L. C. A.		35,175.59		35,175.59	
Tabitha		956.79	2,221.08	3,177.87	
Midland		15,027.01	593.30	15,620.31	
Central		2,560.80	956.92	3,517.62	.10
L. W. A.			11,117.65	11,117.65	
C. H. E. Y.			679.06	679.06	
Foreign Missions			1,264.86	1,264.86	
Children of Church			31.35	31.35	
Lutheran Sub.	1,134.00		272.00	1,266.00	140.00
Synod Treas.	988.98	5,114.51	174.54	4,722.95	1,555.08
Home Missions	2,165.85	4,157.76	21,323.81	24,018.04	3,629.38
Mission 10	3,242.50		3,854.00	5,807.50	1,289.00
K. S. L.	613.73	1,920.57		1,294.17	1,240.13
Min. Ed	733.11	1,280.41	1,010.00	1,713.51	1,310.01
L. Y. C.	295.41		84.14	346.20	33.35
Contingent Fund		4,157.75		3,000.00	4,157.75
Flood Relief	1,724.95			1,724.95	
Rev. Pett Appeal			3,001.57	3,001.57	
Church of Reformation *			500.00	500.00	
Total Synod Account	10,898.53	70,351.19	47,084.28	117,979.20	20,354.80
Camp Wa-Shun-Ga	11,175.01		19,182.25	20,134.37	10,222.89
Total All Accounts	22,073.54	70,351.19	63,266.53	135,113.57	20,577.69

* Gift from St. Paul's, Wichita.

Available Cash:

Synod

Balance—National Bank of America		$10,991.30
Deferred Deposit		24,682.11
		$35,673.41
Less Outstanding Checks		25,318.61
		$10,354.80

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

Balance—National Bank of America	$10,336.33
Less Outstanding Check	113.44
	$10,222.89
Total Available Cash	$20,577.69

JAN. 5 TO JAN. 5

RECEIPTS

Apportioned Benevolence	$ 70,351.19
L. W. A.	11,117.65
C. H. E. Y.	679.06
Tabitha	2,221.08
Midland	593.30
Central	956.92
Foreign Mission	1,264.86
Children Church	31.35
L. Y. C.	84.14
Lutheran Subscriptions	272.00
Synodical Treasurer	174.54
Home Missions	21,323.81
Mission 10	3,854.00
Min. Education	1,010.00
Rev. Pett Appeal	3,001.57
Church of Reformation, Gift from St. Paul's, Wichita	500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$117,435.47
Balance January 5, 1952	10,898.53
	$128,334.00

DISBURSEMENTS

U. L. C. A.	$ 35,175.59
Midland College—Apportionment	15,027.01
Central Seminary — Apportionment	2,560.80
Tabitha — Apportionment	956.79
L. W. A.	11,117.65
C. H. E. Y.	679.06
Tabitha	2,221.08
Midland	593.30
Central	956.82
Foreign Missions	1,264.86
Children of Church	31.35
Synod Treasurer	4,722.95
Home Missions	24,018.04
Mission 10	5,807.50
K. S. L.	1,294.17
Min. Ed.	1,713.51
L. Y. C.	346.20
Lutheran Sub.	1,266.00
Flood Relief	1,724.95
Church of Ref.	500.00
Contingent Fund	3,000.00
Rev. Pett	3,001.57
Total Disbursements	$117,979.20
Balance January 5, 1952	$ 10,354.80

DIVISION OF BALANCES

Central Seminary	$ .10
Synodical Treasurer	1,555.08
Home Missions	3,629.38
Mission 10	1,289.00
K. S. L.	1,240.13
Ministerial Education	1,310.01
Lutheran Youth Camp	33.35
Contingent Fund	2,157.75
Lutheran Subscriptions	140.00
	$10,354.80

ALLOCATION OF APPORTIONMENT

U. L. C. A.	50.00%	$35,175.59
Tabitha	1.36%	956.79
Midland	21.36%	15,027.01
Central	3.64%	2,560.80
Synod Treas.	7.27%	5,114.51
Home Mission	5.91%	4,157.76
K. S. L.	2.73%	1,920.57
Min. Ed.	1.82%	1,280.41
Cont. Fund	5.91%	4,157.75
	100.00%	$70,351.19

SYNODICAL TREASURER

Balance on hand—January 5, 1952		$ 988.98
Receipts		
Apportionment	$5,114.51	
W. M. S. for Minutes	50.00	
Synod Offering	101.45	
Miscellaneous	23.09	5,289.05
		$6,278.03
Disbursements		
Presidents Expense	745.22	
Presidents Assistant	476.15	
Exec. Committee Expense	399.16	
Other Committee	485.94	
Delegate Expense	1,040.00	
Printing Synod Minutes	424.35	
Printing, Office Sup. & Postage	407.81	
Secretary's Expense	279.21	
Lutheran League Committee	15.36	
Honoria	225.00	
Youth Work	200.00	
Miscellaneous	2.25	
Audit	22.50	4,722.95
Balance		$1,555.08

HOME MISSIONS

Balance—January 5, 1952		$ 2,165.85
Receipts		
Apportionment	$ 4,157.76	
Loans — Kent Memorial	2,600.00	
Bethlehem	225.69	
Faith Mission	48.40	
W. M. S.	139.00	
St. Joseph (For Kent)	25.00	
Bd. of Am. Missions	16,000.00	
Kent Memorial	360.00	
Miscellaneous	25.72	
Trans. from Cont. Fund	2,000.00	
Total Receipts		25,481.57
		$27,647.42
Disbursements		
Committee	$ 296.52	
Salary Aid — Greenleaf	600.00	
Salary Aid — Ft. Smith	300.00	
Salary Aid — Sedalia	210.00	
Car Allowance — Prairie Village	399.96	
Car Allowance — Sunrise Beach	475.00	
Car Allowance — Wichita — Ref.	250.00	
Car Allowance — Bethlehem	100.00	
Kent Memorial (Loans)	8,500.00	
Bd. of Am. Missions (Beth)	328.07	
Bd. of Am. Missions (Ft. Smith)	225.00	
Fed. Saving and Loan	315.99	
Legal Services	40.00	
Bethlehem (Parsonage Repairs)	250.00	
Land — Jackson Mission	10,000.00	
Trinity Sedalia	150.00	
Ft. Smith	300.00	
Church of Reformation	500.00	
Faith Lutheran Church	192.50	
U. S. Treasurer	200.00	
Interest	260.00	
Note (O. E. Johnson)	100.00	
Jackson Mission	25.00	
TOTAL		24,018.04
		$ 3,629.38

MISSION 10

Balance—January 5, 1952	$ 3,242.50
Receipts	3,854.00
	$ 7,096.50

Disbursements		
Faith Lutheran Church	$ 3,807.50	
Wayne Cherry Realty (Jackson)	1,000.00	
Wayne Cherry Realty	1,000.00	5,807.50
Balance		$ 1,289.00

K. S. L.

Balance—January 5, 1952		$ 613.73
Receipts (Apportionment)		1,920.57
		$ 2,534.30
Disbursements		
Gazette Printers	$ 1,142.86	
Tonsing	49.72	
Editors Honorarium & Ex.	101.59	1,294.17
Balance		$ 1,240.13

MINISTERAL EDUCATION

Balance on hand January 5, 1952		$ 733.11
Receipts		
Apportionment	$ 1,280.41	
Contingent Fund	1,000.00	
Other	10.00	2,290.41
Balance		$ 3,023.52
Disbursements		
Student Aid	$ 1,635.00	
Committee Expense	78.51	1,713.51
Balance January 5, 1952		$ 1,310.01

L. Y. C.

Balance January 5, 1952		$295.41
Receipts		
St. Marks — Kansas City	25.00	
W. M. S.	30.00	
Greenleaf	8.24	
Hutchinson	20.90	84.14
Balance		$379.55
Disbursements		
Committee	$346.20	346.20
Balance January 5, 1953		$ 33.35

LUTHERAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Balance January 5, 1952	$1,134.00

Receipts		
For Subscriptions	$272.00	272.00
		$1,406.00
Disbursements		
U. L. C. Publishing House	$1,266.00	1,266.00
Balance January 5, 1953		$ 140.00

FLOOD RELIEF ACCOUNTS

Balance January 5, 1952		$1,724.95
Receipts		
None		
Disbursements		
Chapman	$1,000.00	
Langdon-St. Peters	724.95	
Balance		$0,000.00

CONTINGENT FUND

Balance		$0,000.00
Receipts		
Apportionment	$4,157.75	$4,157.75
Disbursements		
Min. Ed	$1,000.00	
Home Missions	2,000.00	3,000.00
Balance		$1,157.75

REV. HERBERT PETT APPEAL

Receipts	$3,001.57	
Disbursements	$3,001.57	

1952
CAMP WA-SHUN-GA

Receipts		
Camp Fees		$16,310.63
Sales Tax		372.15
Store		2,262.14
Extra Meals		38.25
Miscellaneous		199.08
Total Receipts		$19,182.25
Disbursements		
1. Kitchen	$5,537.83	
2. Salaries	2,820.60	
3. Store	1,557.49	
4. Permanent Equipment	5,947.65	

5.	Extra Help	575.60
6.	Truck-Tractor Hire	46.04
7.	Utilities	328.53
8.	Repairs	86.22
9.	Mileage	351.95
10.	Pickup Expense	298.79
11.	Maintenance	1,399.57
12.	Incidental	343.15
13.	Sales Tax	372.25
14.	Withholding Tax	356.20
	Audit	12.50
	Revolving Fund (Rev. Search)	100.00
	Total Disbursements	$20,134.37

C. M. Stark, Treasurer

Report of the Statistician

Increases of 625 baptized members, 352 confirmed and 129 communing were reported by the congregations of the Synod for 1952. One new congregation, Wichita, Reformation, with 79 communing members was added to the roll. The membership of the Synod as of December 31, 1952 was 44 congregations, 38 pastors, 17,238 baptized members, 12,058 confirmed and 7,553 communing. The five new congregations organized in the last five years reported an increase of 144 in 1952, leaving a net decrease of 15 for the older congregations. These new congregations have a membership of 584 accounting for 75% of the Synod's five-increase of 775. Aside from the Wichita mission, Prairie Village, Faith showed the largest gain in membership, 55 members or 44%. Nineteen congregations reported increases, twenty decreases. Wichita, St. Paul's continues to be the largest congregation with 625 members. Increases were general in the Parish Education rubrics, there being 5,374 enrolled in Sunday School.

The congregations expended $513,755 in 1952, $70,747 more than in 1951. This is an average per confirmed member of $42.61. Increases were reported in current and unusual expenses and the apportionment, a decrease in unapportioned benevolences because of a slackening of the CHEY Appeal. Property valuations increased $264,455 due to new properties, improvements and re-valuations. There was an increase in indebtedness of $62,633. Eighteen congregations reported indebtedness, four more than in 1951. Five were new to the list, one congregation becoming debt-free.

The Synod took the increased apportionment figure in the same stride it had been meeting the two previous apportionments: just short of the mark. The contributions was $70,351 of 94.3% of the total asked for. Twenty congregations met the apportionment in full or excess.

A report on the Manifested Life of the Congregation is also being secured. No compilation or analysis will be undertaken by the Statistic-

ian unless requested by the Synod. The reports received will be forwarded to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Parochial reports were received from all congregations except Wellington, St. John's. The first report was received from Wichita, Reformation on January 14, almost by return mail. Seven reports were received between February 10 and February 13. Corrections had to be secured in several instances causing further delay in completing this report. Many thanks and much appreciation for the work of the pastors and secretaries in the preparation of the reports.

Chas. A. Harkness, Jr.

Report of Stewardship Secretary
and
Director of Lutheran World Action

Your Stewardship Secretary's activities during 1952 included the following: (1) Preparing and mailing the newsletter "Stewardship in the Synod" to the pastors and laymen whose names and addresses were submitted. There is a mailing list of approximately 500. (2) Assisted in circulating the Stewardship film to those requesting same; (3) attended the eighth annual Stewardship Conference for Synodical Stewardship Secretaries at Northwestern Seminary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 19, 20, 1952; (4) submitted the table of contributions by congregation to the KSL for publication.

The cause of Luthern World Action was kept before our pastors and laymen through the monthly newsletter, "Stewardship in the Synod." Your director also assisted the National Lutheran Council in the distribution of printed matter.

Twenty congregations met or exceeded their Apportioned Benevolence quota. The Synod as a whole contributed 94.3% of its total Apportioned Benevolence goal. We did not do quite as well as we did the year before when we contributed 96.9% of the goal. Twenty-two congregations met or exceeded their Lutheran World Action quota. For this cause we improved over the year before, percentage-wise, by coming up to 93.2% of the total goal. The year before we met 84.5% of the goal.

A special word of commendation goes to those congregations who exceeded (some to a considerable degree) their minimum goals. Only because of these congregations was our Synod able to do as well as we did. We should not be satisfied until we can reach the 100% mark in Synod for both Apportioned Benevolence and Lutheran World Action.

R. W. Albert

Report of the Historian

The Minutes of Synod, 1868-1951, inclusive, have been bound in eight volumes. The green cloth binding is attractive in addition to

providing more adequate protection for the more fragile issues of the Minutes.

Feeling that it is in the interest of Synod to have as many complete files of the Minutes in existence as is possible the Historian complied with the request of the Librarian of Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary for a few scattered issues of the Minutes.

Attention is called to the fact that this year marks the 85th Anniversary of the organization of Synod.

Copies of the *Kansas Synod Lutheran* have been received and filed. It is suggested that provision should be made for the binding of a complete file of this publication.

George L. Anderson
Historian

Report of Home Missions Committee

The Home Missions Committee is pleased to present the following report covering the work and activities of the Committee. The Home Missions Program of Synod continues to move forward under God's gracious providence.

JACKSON COUNTY, Missouri, the Rev. Edwin J. Hirsch, Board Missionary.

This field located east of Kansas City and southwest of Independence was surveyed in the summer of 1951. The Board of American Missions called pastor Edwin J. Hirsch to the field June 1, 1952. Pastor Hirsch spent the summer months contacting prospects and getting ready for the beginning of services. The first service was held September 21, 1952 in a hall over the Smith Hardware Store in Raytown, Missouri. There were 37 persons present. Development has been rather rapid since that first meeting. At this writing 53 adults have signed the charter roll and plans are being laid for formal organization on Palm Sunday.

Dr. Elwood L. Bowman of the Division of Church Extension visited the field September 26 and made tentative proposals for the purchase of a Church Site and a Parsonage. A choice site on Blue Ridge Boulevard just north of Raytown High School. The tract, approximately 19 acres, was up for sale but would require the purchase of the whole tract. It was a hard decision to make but with the approval of the Board the Synod purchased the site on November 2 for $30,000. The Board loaned $10,000 and Synod was required to add $2,000. This $2,000 the Executive Committee granted from the Contingent Fund. The Tract has been platted for resale and at this writing, although negotiations are still incomplete, two of the 32 salable lots have been contracted for and one house is being constructed. The First Mortgage, $18,000, held by the seller will be paid off from the sale of the lots—$500.00 each on the sale of the first 12 lots and $1,000 each on the sale of the second 12 lots. In addition to a fine church site we are holding three lots for future expansion and a fourth lot for the construction of the Parsonage. Bids for the construction of the parsonage are with contractors and actual

construction will begin soon. The Board proposal for the Parsonage requires that Synod make a grant of $500.00.

It is hoped that the new Congregation will be received into Synod at this Convention.

KENT MEMORIAL, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, the Rev. Clarence J. Hansen, Pastor.

The beautiful new church at Kent Memorial was dedicated April 27, 1952 with overflow crowds both at the morning and afternoon services. The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions delivered the Dedicatory address. During the year the indebtedness on the church was reduced to $9,400. The purchase of an electric organ was made possible by gifts and interest of good friends of the Congregation. Last Fall construction began on the Parsonage, a three-bedroom frame structure, which was dedicated in January.

The Congregation now numbers 82 Confirmed and 101 Baptized Members. During the vacation months many tourists visit the church during the week and about one-half of the Sunday attendance is visitors. Over one-third of the monies received during the past year came from outsiders. Kent Memorial, more than any other church in Synod, will be a real blessing to the vacationing public.

Our interest and prayers are with Pastor Hansen and his People in their unique ministry.

REFORMATION, Wichita, Kansas, the Rev. Richard O. Scherch, pastor.

Reformation has made remarkable progress in this her first year as an organized congregation. A fine parsonage was purchased at 253 South Battin and a church site was purchased at the corner of Kellog Street and Mission Roard. Dr. Elwood L. Bowman, Director of Church Extension, met with the Council September 27 at which time tenative plans were made for a church building the latter part of 1953. With the Building Fund monies being raised by Congregation and funds from the 1952 Missions $10 Club it is hoped that this early schedule of construction can be met. The Congregation is still meeting in the East Side YMCA which is off the field and makes Sunday School work particularly difficult.

At the time of organization, January 27, 1952 there were but 56 confirmed members. There are now 79 confirmed members and 113 baptized members. This excellent growth under trying circumstances witnesses for the zeal of the Pastor and People. Reformation has a great future in a great field. The Congregation holds title to all property.

FAITH, Prairie Village, Kansas, the Rev. W. F. Most, Pastor.

The year 1952 was an eventful and successful one for Faith Lutheran Church. At this writing the total confirmed membership is 202, baptized membership is 327. A total of $1,377 was paid in benevolence and $305 was paid to Lutheran World Action. Ground was broken for the new Modern Gothic Church on October 5, 1952. The edifice will cost $95,000. The church is to be ready for occupancy September 1, 1953. The seating

capacity will be a little over 200. On the 2nd anniversary of the congregation, December 14, Faith church received a gift of a new Electronic Baldwin Organ from Mrs. Victor Schutte. The organ was given in loving memory of her husband, Victor Schutte.

The Sunday School enrollment is 181 at the present time, with an average attendance in 1952 of 143. The total budget for 1953, including current, benevolence, and L.W.A. is $7,970. Over $10,000 has been pledged for 1953 for the building fund.

The parsonage was given two coats of paint in the spring of 1952. This project was sponsored by the Brotherhood. The interior of the parsonage was also re-decorated.

Faith Lutheran wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to members of the Missions $10 Club of our Synod for the gift of $4,000 for the Building Fund. They look happily forward to the completion of their new church home this year. May God give them increased strength and guidance as they move from victory to victory.

BETHLEHEM, Kansas City, Missouri, the Rev. Don H. Zinger, pastor.

Pastor Zinger began his labors in the field June 5 and was Installed July 13. Bethlehem is facing the challenge of a growing but transient type of community. During the year 46 adults were added to the roll but losses left a net gain of 19. However, the congregation is girding itself for renewed effort in evangelism. At this writing it is expected that about 20 members will be added to the roll the first Sunday in March. The confirmed membership is 167, baptized 290.

The year brought several property improvements, the major one being the redecoration of the parsonage interior, the outside is due to be painted this spring. Gratitude has been expressed to the Committee for a grant of $250 at the time of Title transfer to the congregation for the purpose of needed repairs. The parking lot was improved and a bridge built across the creek. The furnace in the church was converted from oil to gas. New signs were placed on the front of the property.

The Congregation had to ask for an extension of a $1,000 note which has proved to be quite a burden.

It was negotiated after the original financing when unforseen construction difficulties arose. Now hope and encouragement prevail that all obligations will be met.

The Auxiliaries of the congregation are blessed with fine leadership and are progressing well. The Women of the Church have organized a new afternoon service circle. In order to promote congregational fellowship, a quarterly Family Night is being held.

Hearty good wishes to Bethlehem and their new Pastor in his work there.

ST. LUKES, Fort Smith, Arkansas, the Rev. Leo S. LaFontaine, pastor.

Annual reports received from the Pastor of St. Luke's reveal a busy life of parish activity. Over $1,000 was paid on the church debt. Members received during the year brought the confirmed membership

to 195. The benevolences were met and all current items paid in full.

It is hoped that before too long we will have a sister congregation in the state of Arkansas so St. Luke's' will have a little more fellowship with other Lutherans.

TRINITY, Sedalia, Missouri, Vacant.

Hardship struck the Sedalia Conregation during the summer in the form of a tornado. A section of the front wall was torn away necessitating the rebuilding of the entire front wall. This change has greatly beautified the church structure but at the same time imposed a hardship on the congregation. The cost of repairs was $9,500. A loan of $8,000 was secured and the Committee was asked to make a loan or grant of $1,500. This we were not able to do because of lack of funds. The Committee granted salary aid for 1953 in the amount of $500 to become effective when a pastor is called.

Hardship and adversity are not new to this congregation and we are assured they will come through this time as they have in the past.

The Budget 1953

Greenleaf, St. Paul's Salary Aid	$ 600.00
Fort Smith, Debt Retirement	300.00
Salary Aid	300.00
Sedalia, Salary Aid	500.00
Wichita, Car Allowance	300.00
Kent Memorial, Car Allowance	300.00
Faith, Prairie Village, Car Allowance	300.00
Jackson County Mission, Parsonage Grant	500.00
Contingent	1,500.00
Committee Expense	400.00
	$5,000.00

Calvin J. Naugle.

Report of Elections Committee

The following Officers, Trustees, and Members of Elected Committees have been duly and properly elected by the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States convening at Hutchinson, Kansas:

President	Rev. W. W. Alexander
Vice President	Rev. Richard W. Albert
Secretary	Rev. H. G. Ritzen
Treasurer	Mr. Charles M. Stark
Trustee, Tabitha Home	Rev. Calvin J. Naugle
Trustees, Midland College	Rev. Ernest F. Tonsing
	Mr. Fred H. Stotts
Members, Home Missions Committee	Rev. Geo. W. Eller
	Mr. Wilfred Riegle
To Executive Committee:	
Western Conference	Rev. Martin C. Ashley

Mr. Vern Webster
Eastern Conference — Rev. W. F. Most
Mr. Geo. P. Reichal
Southern Conference — Rev. Olney Eaton
Mr. Paul C. Buskirk

Rev. Martin C. Ashley, Chairman

Report of Student Service Secretary

The Lutheran Church is deeply concerned about bringing the ministry of Word and Sacrament to her students in all colleges and universities. The leadership in tomorrow's Church is being trained today in our Church-related Colleges and our State supported Universities. A student program ought to be characterized by the following emphasis: **Worship**—attendance at the regular Sunday morning services of a local congregation and at Holy Communion, and development of daily personal devotions; **Study**—primarily of the Bible, but also of the confessions, the history and work of the Church; **Evangelism**—personal witness to Christ as well as the witness of the Christian community within the university; **Service**—training in stewardship, assistance in local congregations; **Recreation**—wholesome opportunities for fun, fellowship and friendship. These emphasis are kept before our student by those Pastors fortunate in the opportunity of serving Lutheran students.

Again this past year the Division of Student Service of the N. L. C. provided a graduate student assistant for work at the University of Kansas. The assistant, Mr. Richard Preis, gives considerably more than one-half of his time to student work. The Executive Committee of Synod provided a subsidy of $200 during the academic year 1952-53 for student work at the University of Kansas. This fund was deeply appreciated because it was greatly needed.

To be of greater service to students in the future, it has been proposed by the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council that we organize in Kansas a **Lutheran Student Foundation**. This Foundation would be composed of two appointed or delegated members from each of the N. L. C. bodies represented in Kansas. Its chief purpose would be "to receive and administer funds for the purpose of promoting the spiritual, moral and social welfare of Lutheran students attending the state supported universities and colleges of Kansas, in accordance with the precepts of the Christian faith and religion as interpreted and taught by the Lutheran Church." Proposed Articles of Incorporation have been formulated and distributed to the presiding officers of the constituent units of the N. L. C.

Recommendations

1. That the Kansas Synod approve the formation of a **Lutheran Student Foundation of Kansas.**

2. That, contingent on the approval of the other constituent units of N. L. C. represented in Kansas, the Executive Committee be auth-

orized to appoint two representatives from Kansas to the Lutheran Student Foundation of Kansas.

R. W. Albert.

Report of the Luther League

The following are the current officers of the Synod League whose terms expire at the next Synod Luther League Convention, August 28 and 29, 1953.

President: Gynith Giffin, 733 South Fern, Wichita.
Vice-President: Hosea Harkness, Greenleaf, Kansas.
Secretary: Janice Turner, 3010 Sylvanie, St. Joseph.
Treasurer: Arnold Tiemeyer, Tarkio, Missouri.
Jack Rabbit Editor: Robert Oltmanns, Hutchinson.

Departmental Secretaries:

Missionary: Myra Glassel, Valley Falls
Life Service: Jim Brown, 414 Couth College, Salina
Educational: Lydia Milberger, 240½ N. Main, Wichita
Social: A. J. Hvidston, 1115 N. Emporia, Wichita
Intermediate: Shirley Schiever, 924 W. Walnut, Salina

Promotional Chairmen:

Publications: Janice Turner, 3010 Sylvanie, St. Joseph
National Convention: June Brown, 436 S. 10th, Salina
LLA Caravaners: Arnold Tiemeyer, Tarkio, Missouri
Camp Attendance: Jim Brown, 414 S. College, Salina

Conference Presidents

Southern: Ray Peters, 29 S. College, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Eastern: Ann Johnson, 1405 Burnett Road, Topeka
Western: Clay Mericle, Greenleaf, Kansas

We can report an increase in every respect of league work. Six congregations have begun new leagues since last year at this time bringing the total to 27 congregations with an active league program for their youth. The *Jack Rabbit* has continued to be published regularly and has increased circulation to 500 copies. Final statistics from our reports are not completely available, but they will show an increase from 417 to over 450 active Luther Leaguers in Synod.

Last October every Conference held League rallies. The Southern met at Hutchinson, Eastern at Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., and the Western at Glasco. Over the Thanksgiving holiday the Synod League sent me to Springfield, Ohio, where I participated in the biennial National Conference of Synod League Presidents held on the campus of Wittenberg College. Rev. Sherman Frederick also attended this Conference.

We held our own Conference of Local League Presidents in Topeka on February 7 and 8. The registration showed 114 leaguers, sponsors, and pastors in attendance.

In connection with the Luther League of America emphasis on evangelism we have conducted an "Adoption Program." Congregations without leagues are adopted by a nearby active league. This is an

attempt to actually assist in forming a league or simply surveying the possibilities. Some reports were that there were simply not enough league age young people at the present time to form a league. However, in these cases they added that in 2 or 3 years there will be a definite possibility of a league.

We are currently taking reservations for a chartered bus going to the Luther League of America's 58th Biennial Convention which is to be at Oxford, Ohio, this summer from August 10 to 15.

We sincerely appreciate the interest and cooperation of the pastors of Synod in supporting the league program. Special thanks to those who hosted rallies and conferences.

I hope this report shows you the great potential in the youth of this Synod. The majority of them are of high school age and are not only well-informed leaguers, but also well-informed church members.

Leagueally,
Gynith Giffin. President

Report of Midland College to the Kansas Synod

One of our favorite hymns begins, in its second stanza, with the words: "Bless Thou the Truth, dear Lord." It is this blessed Truth which we seek to make the foundation of the work at Midland College, your college in Fremont, Nebraska. We earnestly pray that our efforts may be successful.

The selective service situation and a gradual decrease in the number of veterans of the Second World War attending college, reduced the total number of students from 373 in 1951 to 351 in 1952 in spite of the fact that the freshman class is the second largest in the school's history. The proportion of Lutheran students in the college is 68%, of which number 70 are preparing for full-time Christian service. The Kansas Synod is represented by 16 students. If every pastor in the supporting synods were to induce even one member of his parish to come to Midland College our enrollment would be doubled —and we would not need to worry about future enrollments. We are earnestly pleading for this helpful interest on the part of our pastors.

A major capital item entered the plant and financial picture during this past autumn. A refurnishing and refurbishing program was begun on the Gymnasium-Commons Building and Beegle Hall (girl's dormitory). Both buildings had been sadly neglected and were in dire need of new roofs and major repairs. This caused an expenditure of $40,000, which is being repaid by special donations from individuals and congregations. Those who live and work on the campus are keenly conscious of the great boost in morale which has come through these improvements.

The Board of Trustees at its last annual meeting adopted the following "seven year" program: (1) a balanced budget each year; (2) a general increase of 5-25% in the salaries of the faculty and staff personnel; (3) a continuing program of refurbishing and refurnishing

of all campus buildings; (4) a sizeable increase in the Endowment Fund; (5) repayment of the debt on Men's Memorial Hall ($133,200) and to Central Lutheran Theological Seminary ($21,539); (6) erection of an addition to Beegle Hall; (7) conversion of North Hall into a Fine Arts Building; and (8) erection of a Library Building. It is anticipated that ground will be broken this spring for the Library Building to be erected with CHEY funds now on hand for this purpose.

Midland is the college of the U. L. C. west of the Missouri River. Midland is grateful for the help which the California Synod has given. This gratitude is beyond the power of words to express and in effect must be understood rather than explicitly stated. The college is mindful of this great source of strength. It is proud to be a church college.

As such, however, Midland as an arm of the church must do exceptionally well those things which by its very nature are demanded of it. In order to do its job in a way of which both the church and the college may be proud, Midland must have greatly increased gifts for current expenses, for capital funds and for endowment. The standards in equipment, faculty and services demanded of an accredited college today preclude any possibility of operating successfully without substantial gift and endowment income. In the case of colleges like Midland, the federal and state governments cannot be of direct help, we must seek our help among our constituencies. But equally important is the fact that the supporting synods must help in bringing students to the college. Midland wants and needs more able boys and girls from Lutheran homes.

Receipts	
Educational and General	$104,725.58
Endowment Investment	20,282.54
Gifts and Grants	99,828.35
Sales and Services	2,976.77
Other Income	1,568.00
Auxiliary Enterprises	132,409.78
Total Receipts	$361,791.02
Expenses	
Educational and General	$215,623.62
Auxiliary Enterprises	140,081.00
Other non-educational expense	17,050.24
Total Expenses	$372,754.86
Cash Operating Loss	$ 10,963.84
Decrease in Inventories	2,837.69
Net Operating Loss	$ 13,801.53

Willard W. Alexander.

Report of Tabitha Home Trustees For The Year 1952

Tabitha Home is grateful to Almighty God for His continued blessings and guidance in the work of mercy that has been carried on at our Home. The past year has given every evidence that His helping hand is with those who serve His people who are in need. With humility therefore we submit this report for your consideration.

We have been keenly aware of the fact that Tabitha has many loyal and generous friends. Many cash gifts, bequests, gifts of food, clothing, sundries and furnishings from congregations, synodical organizations and community groups have enabled us to carry on the work of mercy among children and aged folks. May God richly bless those who have served Him.

The demand for work among aged people grows greater month by month. With hundreds of requests for admission to our Home, we could care for only fourteen in the past year. This is indeed a sad situation. A detailed report of this department as well as the Children's Department is in this report.

We have made contacts with many congregations and all supporting Synods in the past year. These contacts have proven to be very helpful in increasing interest in this work. While no solicitation has been carried on, yet there has been a notable increase in funds received from congregations. We plan to continue the program of reporting to congregations in the current year.

The report on finances is found in the Auditor's report which is available for your study.

Children's Department

In our Children's Homes at Tabitha as of January 1, 1952, we had 21 children, ie; 12 boys and 8 girls. We were also keeping in touch with three older children in private homes over a period of years. (One of them a boy of 18 graduated from high school in May and is living on a farm in the same community; a girl nearing 20, is now working in a private home, and has been receiving casework services through L. C. H. S., since she is in Omaha. The younger boy who has been with this same family for ten years is in high school, and happy in this family situation.) This total of 24 children under supervision represented 11 families.

During the year we received 18 children and 15 were dismissed to return to the home of their parents or guardian. These were family groups of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 children dismissed. The total number of families given service was 19. Of the total number of children cared for, all were either of Lutheran background or were baptized while at Tabitha, except for several more recently received.

At the close of 1952, we had 24 children in our homes (12 boys and 12 girls). Our capacity is 37.

Tabitha Home faces the same situation as other Private Child-caring and Child Placing Agencies and institutions in so far as we are not running to full capacity. This seems to be the general picture throughout the country, according to reports from our Nebraska

State Child Welfare Dept., and those in charge of Children's Institutions and Agencies.

Aged Department

In our Aged Department at the beginning of 1952, there were 85 aged guests (53 women and 32 men). There was a total of 98 aged cared for during the year. We received 6 women and 7 men, and 12 were taken in death, while three went into private nursing homes and 1 remarried. At the close of 1952 we have 52 in our Women's Department and 30 in our Men's Department, or a total of 82 aged guests.

Of the total aged folks cared for, 76 were Lutheran and 22 non-Lutheran (26 men and 50 women, Luth., 13 men and 9 women, non-Luth.).

Of our total number of guests given service, 22 received O. A. A., Social Security or both, and 76 were able to pay their own care or were here on contract, on charity or working for part of their care.

Property Improvements

In our Main Building dining room, we have placed 84 new chairs during this year. Four tables and 48 chairs were purchased for the new Recreation room, and three T. V. sets and an antenna valued at $1000.00, have been added to the Main building during the year. A new electric range was purchased for the main dining room kitchen. New lounge furniture has been placed on the Men's floor. A public address system and hearing aids were installed in the Chapel, and a new deep freeze room has been installed in the basement. Three blocks of paving has been installed on the grounds and an extension of paving on the driveway leading to the parsonage.

Our Grounds

Improvements continue to be made in the grounds and buildings. Considerable "fill-in" work has been done on low spots. More of the yard has been seeded down to grass and clover. The gardens are smaller but yet quite ample. Improvements contemplated this year are: A sign marking the entrance to Tabitha, refurnishing the dining rooms in the Children's Buildings, water-proofing the north side of Main Building, refurnishing the balcony in the Chapel, and necessary painting on all buildings.

Our Staff

There have been many changes in staff the past year. Sister Elizabeth Huth, now Mrs. Earl Hueser, resigned as of August first, 1952. Miss Lydia Dern, who has served at Tabitha for many years, has been asked to fill her place. A Deaconess was not available last year. While many of our staff are new at their jobs, yet the work is being done in a fine way. We have arranged schedules of work so that there is more free time. Increases in salaries have helped obtain workers. We are grateful to those on our staff who are putting forth every effort to make Tabitha a Congenial Home for life's evening hours for our many aged guests, as well as to those giving guidance and loving care to our children.

The Tabitha Farm

The first year of Farm Management Supervision has not produced

a profit for the farm. Several factors entered into this situation. Disease was found in our dairy herd and we had to sell some of our dairy stock. Some difficulties were experienced in getting cooperation from the tenant, however, a new tenant is on the place and we look forward to better operation in 1953. A full accounting of farm operations is in the Auditor's Report.

Finances

We present a brief summary of the Current Operating Fund. Details are to be found in the Complete Audit.

Income Receipts:		
Operations	50,895.64	
Income from Investments	478.90	
Synod Appropriations	13,741.33	
Voluntary Contributions	42,044.29	
Miscellaneous	400.00	
Community Chest	6,000.00	
		134,648.32
Disbursements:		
Administrative	48,879.79	
Plant Operation	15,515.95	
Service and Relief	18,886.76	
		83,282.50

$30,000.00 has been disbursed to Reserve and Depreciation Fund, and $5,000.00 has been disbursed to the Memorial Building Fund. The Cash Balance in our General Fund as of January 1, 19953 is $23,693.53. The Memorial Building Fund, to be used for a workers building, has a balance of $17,421.86.

May the Lord continue to bless the work of the Kansas Synod in all of its fields of service.

Representing the Kansas Synod on the Tabitha Home Board of Directors and joining me in this report are:

C. J. Naugle
Wm. Guenther

Report of the Parish Education Committee

Your committee met on November 19, 1952, at the Central Christian Church, Wichita. Present were Dr. S. White Rhyne, executive secretary Board of Parish Education, U.L.C.A.; Mesdames Robert Tonsing and Ralph Ausherman; Pastors Edward Hirsch, Eugene Smith, and Aksel Larson. Dr. T. Benton Peery and other clerical members attending the Youth Camp Committee were in attendance on portions of the meeting.

Your chairman reported on his attendance at the Central Regional Conference held at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois, under the auspices of the Board of Parish Education in

June, the mailing of Catechetical Questionaires prepared by the Board to selected pastors of Synod and the tabulation and report of replies, and presented the report of the Biole Teaching Conferences held in Synod in September and October by Edwin S. Spees, Associate secretary of the Board.

A summary of Pastor Spees' report follows:

Congregations represented	24 out of 39
Number of conferences	10
Pastors in attendance	21
Lay persons in attendance	361

Only one congregation used the Bible Teaching filmstrips prior to the holding of the conferences. Several congregations have used them since. This series is still available for use to the congregations of Synod from the Visual Aids Library for the payment of postage.

The chairman presented the referral of the memorial made to Synod by the Eastern Conference pertaining to the establishment of an institute for Public and Private School Teachers and turned over to our committee by the Executive Committee for study and recommendation. A recomendation on this matter has been made to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Rhyne presented the field work plan for 1953 which will emphasize "Evaluation" of the local congregation's own educational program under the guidance of Board staff members. The evaluation will be held in a limited number of congregations of Synod and only in those requesting the program.

Our committee proposed to Dr. Ryhne that the itinerary be scheduled in cooperation with the Midwest and Nebraska Synods for a more effecitve coverage of churches in this area. Pastors Ammon and Inslee have been assigned to this area for the period of Septmber 8 to October 4, the period assigned for the covering of the three cooperating Synods.

This committee organized with the following assignments accepted by the members:

Children's Work—Mrs. Ralph Ausherman, Wichita

Promotion of all phases of children's work in the congregation.
Nursery Roll
Sunday Church School for Junior and Senior high school ages
Scouting (Boy and Girl Scouts)
Vacation Church Schools for every age in the congregation.

Youth Work—Pastor Eugene Smith

Promotion of all phases of youth work in the congregations.
Sunday Church School for junior and senior high school ages
Scouting (Boy and Girl Scouts)
Catechetics
Summer Camps
Youth Organizations
Weekday Church schools for the whole congregation.

Adult work—Pastor Edwin Hirsch

Promote all phases of adult work in the congregation.

Bible classes for young and older adults
Home and Church cooperation
Parent-Teachers meetings
Encourage enlisting and training of present and potential leaders for present and future needs of the congregation.

Enlistment Secretary—Pastor Richard Scherch

Evangelism promotion through the Sunday Church School.

Audio-Visual Aids Secretary—Mrs. Robert L. Tonsing, Wichita.

Promotion and encouragement of use of audio-visual aids in the congregation's educational program and stimulate wider use of the Synod's audio-visual library.

The committee approved purchase of filmstrips on Articles II & III of the Creed to complete our set on the Catechism as far as it has been produced.

Recommendations

That the Parish Education Committee be enlarged to include as ex-officio members the President or a representative of the Synodical Brotherhood, Luther League, Women's Missionary Society, and Youth Camp Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Aksel C. Larsen, Chairman

Report of the Directors of Central Seminary

STUDENT BODY: Forty-two students are currently enrolled in the seminary. This is an increase of five over last year. Nine are seniors. One student, Roy Wingate, a senior, is from this Synod.

FACULTY: Dr. Frederick, who has been teaching Systematic Theology, will retire at the end of this school year. Dr. Keisler teaches Practical Theology in addition to his administrative duties. Dr. Rinde teaches Historical Theology. Prof. Syre teaches Biblical Theology. Rev. Albert Shandrick is librarian. Prof. Giesen has been assisting in the Systematic and practical departments. Guest lecturers have stressed the place and the program of the rural church. It is planned that Prof. Gieschen will teach Systematic Theology, only, next year. The board is now diligently seeking a professor of Practical Theology with particular experience and competence in the rural church.

PROPERTY: The new combination building was completed in the summer and was dedicated September 2nd. Additional remodeling was done in the old main building to adapt it more perfectly to its present use. It now affords living quarters for the single students, adequate kitchen and dining facilities, and apartment for the housemother, and one apartment for a married student.

APPRECIATION: The seminary is deeply grateful to the church-at-large and to this Synod for the generous support given through CHEY, through Central Seminary Day offerings, and through gifts from individuals and congregations as well as for the steady support of the

Synods through regular benevolent channels. All connected with the administration of the seminary are deeply mindful of the responsibility and of the confidence which the Church has given them.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. Vance Baird, Director

Financial Statement

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Only the current accounts of the seminary were audited at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1952. Building Fund accounts and Special Accounts have not been audited and will not be until all outstanding checks, written in connection with the erection and furnishing of the new building, have been returned and a final audit can be made of the whole building operation.

The auditor's statement: "We have made an examnation of the Current fund records of your treasurer, Mr. H. W. Hendriksen, for the year ending June 30, 1952. We have reviewed the system of internal control, and have tested, according to approved auditing procedures, all receipts and expenditures for designated months. We have independently requested bank confirmations of check clearances and balances. Vouchers were checked against original invoices and the cash disbursement records. In our opinion the following report presents fairly the position of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, the current fund at June 30, 1952, and the operations of the year then ended.

Witthoff and MacIntosh, Certified Municipal & Public Accountants.

RECEIPTS:

Balance, June 30, 1951	$6,395.44
Students	1,587.31
Transfers from Building Fund (Loan)	2,000.00
Endowment Interest	1,133.59
Iowa Synod	1,975.00
Kansas Synod	2,078.81
Midwest Synod	3,750.00
Midwest Synod	3,100.00
Nebraska Synod	4,000.00
Rocky Mountain Synod	2,052.50
Texas Synod	1,000.00
California Synod	1,000.00
Board of Education	3,900.31
Individuals and groups	1,288.60
Travel Expense Refunds	780.30
Utility Deposits	80.00
	$27,062.98
Notes Payable	2,000.00
	$29,062.98
Nebraska Synod	5,509.00
Pacific Synod	2,191.00

Rocky Mountain Synod	2,816.88
Texas Synod	1,000.00
Board of Education	4,266.65
Individuals and Groups	651.84
Total	$35,355.52

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administration	$ 1,431.64
Promotion	1,338.81
Travel (Board and Faculty)	2,404.37
Instruction	22,155.67
Library	319.27
Operation and Maintenance	4,806.84
Contingent Fund	1,304.76
Transfer to Building Fund	500.00
Payment to Book Store (G. I. Bill)	88.95
Total	$34,350.31
Balance, June 30, 1952	1,005.21
Excess of disbursement over receipts	5,390.23

The following report of the treasurer has not yet been audited.

CURRENT ACCOUNT—July 1, 1952—Feb. 28, 1953

RECEIPTS:

On hand, July 1, 1052	$ 1,005.21
Endowment	1,314.67
Iowa Synod	4,005.00
Kansas Synod	1,915.57

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Expense	$ 1,621.03
Promotion and Publicity	1,314.67
Travel	2,671.44
Instruction	15,428.36
Library Expense	2,609.25
Operation and Maintenance	5,252.36
Contingencies and Sundries	233.80
Cash in Bank	244.65
Utility Deposits	80.00
	$29,062.93

CONDENSED BUILDING FUND—Jan. 1, 1951—Feb. 28, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Notes Payable	$ 99,615.52
Interest on temporary investments	314.00
Gifts from individuals and groups	93,014.27
C. H. E. Y. Funds	65,140.60
	$258,084.39

Cost of Building (Three General Contracts plus Architectural fees)	227,246.93
Cost of Furnishing	9,725.18
Other costs (Grading, Landscaping, Walks)	6,665.77
Interest Paid	2,212.98
	$258,084.39

CONDENSED SPECIAL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET TO FEBR. 28, 1953

ON HAND:	
Equity in Land and Buildings (old)	$295,000.00
Endowment and Special Endowment Funds	48,421.60
Annuities	4,665.10
RECEIPTS:	
Debt Retirement Fund	13,960.22
C. H. E. Y. receipts	116,515.72
	$478,562.64
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Re-roofing old building	4,803.81
Re-wiring old building	4,269.98
Other repairs (Reroofing garage, painting, fire-escape, guttering, porch repair.)	3,012.60
C. H. E. Y. Promotion	827.03
Purchase of Lots 6 & 7, Block 11	4,250.00
Remodeling kitchen, dining room & two apartments	12,574.70
Debt retirement	20,142.94
Maintenance equipment (tractor and accessories)	929.00
Transfer to New Building Account	65,705.66
	$116,515.72
Cash in Bank	17,999.82
Land and Buildings	295,000.00
Notes Receivable	45,847.10
Nebr. State Sav. and Loan Stock	3,200.00
	$478,562.64

Report of Eastern Conference

A joint Eastern Conference was held the afternoon and evening of Sunday, October 19, at Children's Memorial Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Liturgists for the afternoon and evening service were Reverend Don Zinger and Reverend Calvin Naugle, and Reverend Vance Baird assisted with the program.

Reports of the National Convention of the United Lutheran Church were brought at a joint session. The Eastern Conference Brotherhood, Women's Missionary Society and Luther Leagues held afternoon meetings and received reports of their national conventions.

Following a fellowship supper, an evening service was held at

which the Reverend Harry Allen spoke on the convention of the Lutheran World Federation. A brief pastor's business meeting was held in the afternoon. The attendance was one of the largest of the Eastern Conference rallies.

Several vacancies occurred in the conference and are being reported by the President of Synod. The conference president installed Reverend Don Zinger at Bethlehem Luthran Church, North Kansas City, Missouri and attended the executive committee meetings of the Synod.

Reno R. Frobenius

Report of the Southern Conference

The Annual Fall meeting of the Southern Conference was held at Peabody, Kansas, October 27 and 28, in St. Paul's Church, the Rev. Max Geissler, pastor. The conference began with a joint meeting with te W. M. S. The Rev. Harry Allen spoke about the Lutheran World Federation. The host pastor was liturgist. Dr. Martin Deitrich spoke to both conference and W. M. S. during the conference. The conference held a service of Holy Communion, October 28. The host pastor was liturgist and the president of the conference was the preacher. Discussions were held as follows: "Synod Merger", by the Rev. Aksel Larsen; "A Seattle Convention Round Table"; and, Dr. Dietrich spoke about his work.

The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Wichita, Kansas, the Rev. Richard O. Scherch, pastor, was received officially into Synod this year. With the exception of St. John's, Wellington, Kansas, all congregations of the conference have pastors. Wellington is supplied by students from the seminary, and has called a pastor contingent upon his graduation from seminary and his ordination by synod.

The conference lost one pastor by death, the Rev. Herbert Pett, St. John's, Wellington. The conference president assisted the president of synod with the funeral.

Olney E. Eaton, President

Report of Ministerial Education Committee

The Ministerial Education Committee held two meetings during the past year, both of them at the First Lutheran Church at Topeka, Kansas. The first meeting was held on July 21, 1952 and the second on January 5, 1953.

Inasmuch as this was an entirely new committee, the first meeting was spent in reviewing the problems of ministerial education in the Kansas Synod. A discussion of the various students of the Kansas Synod studying for the ministry and the possible support that could be given to each. The allocations were made by mail to save the necessity of another meeting. The second meeting was held to interview a prospective ministerial student who subsequently dropped his studies for the ministry.

The committee found that for a number of years it had been living well beyond its means, using apportionment funds not yet received to

support its beneficiaries. It was decided, therefore, that the committee request students reciving aid to hold their requests to a minimum. They were most cooperative in this manner. This policy, together with the decision of the Executive Committee at its January meeting to allocate to ministerial education $1,000.00 of the 1952 contingency fund. has enabled the committee to get abreast of its financial responsibilities.

The following allocations were made for the 1952-53 school year and checks in the respective amounts were issued by the Treasurer of Synod.

Stanley Charles Rogge, Senior at Midland College	$250.00
Ray Barton Wingate, Senior at Central Seminary	250.00
George Vincent Nelson, Junior at Chicago Seminary	150.00
John Robert Nelson, Junior at Central Seminary	110.00
Robert E. Schlichter, Middler at Chicago Seminary	125.00
Jerry J. Shaft, Junior at Midland College	250.00

This makes a total in allocations this year of $1,135.00.

Kansas Synod Ministerial students not receiving aid are:

Merle Moebus, Junior at Midland College.
Elvin L. Bumgarner, Middler at Philadelphia Seminary.
Donald R. Darge, Freshman at Midland College.
Richard Ira Preis, Intern at Chicago Seminary.
David R. Spellman, Sophomore at Midland College.
Richard Dunning, Senior at Midland College.
Gordon Lund, Senior at Hamma Divinity School.

If there are others your committee has no knowledge of them, and any such should be reported to the committee so that it may exercise its proper function of assisting and guiding these young men.

It is the policy of this committee to use the plan of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church to the fullest extent practicable in the Kansas Synod. This plan involves recruitment for the ministry, guidance of the students and aiding them financially wherever necessary. To effectuate this policy the Board of Education recommends that Seminaries do not accept enrollments without letters of approval from the Synod to which a student belongs. Since this rule has been honored as frequently in the breach as in its observance, this committee urges the adoption of the following recommendation.

Recommendation: That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and adjacent States Request the Theological Seminaries of the United Lutheran Church to accept no students from this Synod without an annual letter of approval from the Ministerial Education Committee of the Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. G. Ritzen, Chairman
Martin Ashley
William J. Wertz
D. C. Gerstenberger

Report of Foreign Missions Committee

It is with praise and gratitude to God that the Church has the

opportunity of serving in the Foreign Field. Experience in other denominations have shown that the home congregation is strong when an active foreign missionary program is adopted.

The 1952 Epiphany Appeal for the Pre-Seminary School in Buenos Aires was fairly successful. The 1953 Epiphany Appeal for Chapels in British Guiana has been made and it is still time to make contributions to this great need of the Church. While the appeal was directed mainly toward the Sunday Schools, yet there is nothing to prevent the congregations, groups, organizations or individuals from making gifts for this fine work.

The desire to have the congregations in Synod visited by one of our Foreign Missionaries was carried out in February when the Rev. E. G. Wood, D.D. of India made a successful itinerary of nearly all of our churches. He was well received and his visits were helpful in increasing the missionary spirit of most of the congregations. The day is here when a new missionary spirit must arise within the congregations of our Synod. Sixty Missionaries are needed now in the five Foreign Fields served by our United Lutheran Church in America. Our Foreign Mission Fields are urgently calling for Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Pastors, accountants, civil engineers and social workers. There are people who are willing to answer the call to the Foreign Field but the necessary funds for their support are not available. It costs $1,800 to support a single missionary for one year and $3,600 for a missionary and his wife.

The Board of Foreign Missions is now launching a new plan so that many young people who have answered the call can be speedily sent on their way. This new plan is called the Unit Plan. Since the cost of supporting a missionary has increased beyond the financial ability of most individual congregations, the new Unit Plan suggests that congregations, groups, or individuals share in the total support of a missionary by giving an annual Unit of $600. Thus, three Units—$1,800 will be considered support of a single missionary for a year. Six Units $3,600—will be considered support for a married missionary for a year. For the benefit of smaller congregations, one-half Unit—$300 will be assigned to begin support and to augment existing support. It is the aim of the plan not to increase the support of those already supporting a missionary but to add more loyal supporters to the Foreign Missionary cause. If the Unit Plan is adopted in each of our congregations many workers who desire to go to the Foreign Field could be sent. It will also strengthen the work and loyalty in the home Church. We feel that the Unit Plan offers a new and wonderful opportunity for our Synod to advance in the Lord's work and would urge each Pastor to acquaint his congregation with this plan and to attempt to adopt at least one-half a Unit.

Rev. Harry Allen, Chairman.

Report from Committee on Social Missions

The former chairman of this committee has informed me that up

to the time of his leaving this synod there was nothing to report.

The Board of Social Missions announces a School of Industrial Relations to be held June 8-12, 1953 on the campus of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. The board is anxious that our synod be represented by delegates at this school and is offering a grant of $35.00 toward transportation of our delegates. Our delegates would be responsible for organizing and conducting a series of labor management institutes and schools in our synod. There would be no charge for lodging while at Allentown, only $2.25 per day for meals.

Recommendation

That Synod send a delegate to the School of Industrial Relations, June 8-12, 1953, at Allentown, Pa.

Max H. Geissler, Chairman

Committee on Disaster Relief

This Committee was appointed by the President, in accordance with provisions of the Board of Social Missions, in order that relief might be channeled to churches in need of aid.

One congregation was aided through the committee ,St. Peter's, Langdon, Missouri, whose church was inundated by the Missouri River flood in the fall of 1952.

Disaster funds of Synod amounting to $724.00 were turned over to the congregation, and the Board of Social Missions allocated $1,500.00. Although almost every house in the congregation was flooded, the people rallied and provided labor and finances to restore the church to use, without further assistance. High commendation is due this congregation for its courage and zeal under great testing.

Ernest Tonsing.

Inter-Synod Social Welfare

On November 13, 1952, the president of Synod, The Rev. Ernest Tonsing, and your representative met in Topeka together with representatives of other National Lutheran Council churches to discuss the feasibility of a Lutheran Welfare organization in Kansas.

Two members of the group agreed to make a comprehensive study of the need for (a) Lutheran Child Welfare in Kansas, and (b) institutional chaplaincy, the same to be brought as a report to the next meeting which was to be convened sometime in February by the Rev. Leon N. Zahn of the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council.

Max H. Geissler

Report of Synod Merger Committee

The Committee on Synod Merger was appointed by the Executive Committee, as instructed by Synod in the 1952 Convention, and met with similar committees of the Midwest and Nebraska Synods, at Kansas City, Kansas, November 17 and 18, 1952, and February 16 and 17, 1953.

and at Omaha, Nebraska, March 16 and 17, 1953. Appointed to represent Synod were: President Ernest F. Tonsing, Pastor H. Vance Baird, Pastor H. G. Ritzen, Mr. Vern Webster of Salina, and Mr. Wilford Riegle of Emporia. Upon resignation of Mr. Webster, Mr. Austin Sanborn of Chapman was appointed, and served at the last meeting of the committee. The Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America appointed Dr. F. C. Fry convenor. Dr. Fry presided at all sessions.

The Committee used as a framework, the Suggested Constitution for Constituent Synods, 1952 edition, and formed By-Laws to conform to present practices and needs of the synods involved.

The Constitution is presented as an amendment to existing Constitutions of the synods involved. Accordingly, the proposed Constitution will be introduced in accordance with Article Eleven of the present constitution, at the 1953 session, and voted upon at the 1954 Convention. Amendments may not be proposed at the 1953 Convention, but are in order at the 1954 session.

Ernest F. Tonsing, Chairman.

Publications

Synodical Plan The Lutheran

The Synodical Plan for distribution of the Lutheran in the Kansas Synod resulted in 1,075 subscriptions for 1953. This is an increase of 30% over 1952. Three congregations in the Synod are 100% subscribers for their membership. Nine new congregations are listed in the plan, with a total of thirty cooperating. Your chairman is grateful for the hearty cooperation on the part of the pastors of Synod. Our hearty thanks to Pastors Wm. F. Most and Franklin Schirck for their ready assistance in their respective Conferences.

Since our numbers are small, and the space allotted by the editor for Synod news most generous, we again request the aid of all churches in placing the Lutheran in the homes of its members. In potential achieved, based upon ⅓ of communing membership, Kansas ranks eleventh among the 31 Synods in the U. L. C. A.

Pastors should know that members are better informed Christians by reading our church weekly. New names may be added at any time after the church has entered the Synodical Plan. The Lutheran is now nearly 130,000 circulation weekly.

T. Benton Peery, Chairman

Report on Youth Work

Statistics compiled for the Luther League of America reveal that we have 507 young folks on the rolls, 450 of whom are active, with an average attendance of 343. Thirteen of our parishes report no young people's organization.

There has been a good increase in the reported totals this year, and with it an even more notable increase in the effectiveness of the synodical Luther League under the capable direction of the President,

Miss Gynith Giffen. The Annual President's Conference on the Synodical level is proving to be an excellent medium for integrating and promoting the full work of the Luther League of America. Splendid cooperation has been shown between the Synodical League Officers and the congregations of Synod.

Your Executive Secretary launched the Phase Four Program which is now well under way. He attended the Luther League of America President's Conference at Springfield, Ohio, during the Thanksgiving vacation, aided in our synodical President's Conference, served as Director of our Synodical Luther League Convention, attended and advised at all Luther League Executive Committee Meetings, and officially represented Youth Work at two of the Annual Conference Meetings.

The Luther League Evangelism Program began this year with the "Adoption Plan" in which an established League surveyed a "no League" congregation nearby with the intention of establishing a Luther League. It will be a continuing program until each congregation has a League in one of the three age groups.

A "Mail Order" problem clinic for sponsors and leaguers has been opened in the Executive Secretary's Office. We encourage the widest possible use of this clinic.

Recommendations

1. That pastors and Church Councils make a study of the youth potential in their congregations, endeavoring to establish Luther Leagues where none exist.

2. That Church Councils invite Luther League representatives to explain the Luther League Evangelism Program and integrate it with their congregational Evangelism Programs.

3. That each congregation of Synod endeavor to provide means to send a Leaguer this year to the Convention of the Luther League of America.

Sherman E. Frederick
Executive Secretary for Youth Work

Report of the Youth Camp Director

A meeting of the Youth Camp Committee was convened in Wichita on November 19, 1952. Present were: Pastors Harvey Bernhardt, Eugene Smith, George Search, Arthur Angersbach, Dr. T. Benton Peery, Dr. S. White Rhyne, and the chairman; Mesdames Robert Tonsing, Ralph Ausherman and Miss Gynith Giffin.

Dates for the 1953 camping period were set as follows:

Junior Camp, July 5 - 10
Senior Camp, August 23 - 29
Luther League Convention, August 29 - 30.

Camp directors selected for the 1953 camping periods are:

Junior Camp, Miss Gynith Giffin and Mrs. Robert Tonsing
Senior Camp, Pastor Richard Scherch.

It should be noted that the camp directors are all residents of Wichita. Miss Gynith Giffin was approved for recommendation to the Board of Parish Education for a Camp Nawakwa Scholarship.

Camp promotion will be in charge of Pastor Eugene Smith.

Your chairman has been handicapped by not having in his possession the files of this committee and information on the duties and procedures of the committee.

Earnestly submitted,
Aksel C. Larsen

Report of the Camp Committee

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga was operated during 79 days in the 1952 season, during which time twelve groups used our facilities to conduct sixteen camps with a total camper-day attendance of 8,057 days. Three of the groups will not be with us in 1953, which, together with changes in our own camp programs will leave us with three weeks if open time in 1953.

Manager of the 1952 camp was Charles Stuart, Clay Center, Kansas. Our cook was Mrs. Noton, Martinitz, Chapman, Kansas. Both will return in 1953.

Improvements of the camp property last season were the addition of cement slabs at the volley ball court and the space just north of the dining hall; placing of cement seats at Cliff Chapel; building of a dike between the boating area and the swimming pool; a dam to restrict the swimming area; and a complete re-wiring of the camp grounds. The committee also has authorized work on the buildings and their painting in 1953. The camp also acquired a tractor in 1952.

Camp fees for 1953 will be $2.20 per camper per day with extra meals charged at the rate of 75 cents each. Receipts for 1952 made it possible to pay for all capital improvements without using any of the camp's reserve fund.

George L. Search

Report of Committee on Constitution

The Committee on Constitution has held no meetings and has had no business referred to it since the last meeting of Synod. Two members of the committee have served on the Joint Merger Comittee and have had a hand in the writing of a proposed constitution for the merged Synod. That constitution will be placed before the Synod by the Joint Merger Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Vance Baird, Chairman.

Displaced Persons Report

Your Synodical Chairman and Representative of the Lutheran Resettlement Service of the National Lutheran Council concluded his

work on May 29, 1952, when the last group of Displaced Persons arrived at the Kansas City Terminal. The last visa was issued on midnight December 31, 1951, for a Displaced Person coming to the United States. As of January 1, 1952, the Lutheran Resettlement Service had brought 30,647 Displaced Persons into this country and placed them in all 48 states as well as Alaska, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands. The number of arrivals during the first months of 1952 was estimated to reach from 500 to 1000. The Lutheran Resettlement Service is proud of the fact that every Displaced Person registered with the Lutheran World Federation, who wished to come to the United States and had reasonable opportunity of being found eligible, was covered with an assurance. From now on the emphasis in the resettlement program becomes increasingly that of adjustment of the people who are here. Since 1949 your chairman met over 433 Displaced Persons and aided in their clearance to various parts of the country from the Kansas City Terminal. This was done with out cost to the Synod or the National Lutheran Council. This report closes the need for this particular committee to continue in operation.

Respectfully submitted.
Willard W. Alexander, Chairman

Report of the Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran

The KANSAS SYNOD LUTHERAN has been issued each month except August. A file has been kept.

The editor desires to thank all who send in news so faithfully.

Olney E. Eaton.

Kansas Christian Rural Overseas Program Report

As the U. L. C. A. had no affiliation with CROP the past year, a working agreement was arranged between our Synod and the Kansas Council of Churches and Christian Education, with the approval of Lutheran World Relief, Dr. Fry, and CROP Headquarters. The agreement was to the effect that Church World Service should receive donations from rural Lutheran individuals in Kansas and transport them to our Lutheran brethren overseas, at the direction of L. W. R., deducting a minimum (about 25%) for expenses. Although this meant some loss so far as our own denomination is concerned, it was considered not only a most worthy cause but an answer to the need of providing a way for many of our people to continue this type of contribution.

The January 13, 1953, report for Kansas CROP (incomplete) totaled $78,322.23. At that time there were indications that the total receipts would reach $80,000. The percentage of deducted expenses for the program is much improved over 1951 when it was 45%. The national average for this year has been approximately 14.1%. Kansas' rate has been 14.9%. The committee is quite happy over this, for it releases more of the contributions for their intended purpose.

And that purpose and its challenge extend into the future. In 1953, in Europe alone, one and a half million still require life's necessities which we can and must provide. In particular, these are: homeless refugees, victims of crop disasters, and people in areas of political uncertainty.

It is hoped that we may continue this work in some manner, not for the Scripturally unfounded hope of building world peace, as some have mistaken our aim, but for showing Christ-inspired compassion upon the suffering, with the desire to turn them from sin and spiritual death to Eternal Life through repentance and trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

We would express thanks to Church World Service, and to pastors and laymen in our own Synod, who have made this work possible through genuine interest, earnest effort, and generous gifts. Above all, we would say, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift" (His Son) and for His providence and enabling power upon those who entrust themselves to a faithful Savior, that they might accomplish those "good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10. May He bless our work with continued fruitfulness.

Wayne B. Barthel, Chairman.

Report of Women's Missionary Society

The Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States wishes to thank the Synod for sharing their inspirational and informative sessions with us.

As we meet for our 73rd Annual Convention, there are many things which afford us great joy. On the other hand there are many things which cause great concern. The rumors of war, and the presence of unrest post real threats to our people and our churches. To help us we have adopted the theme, "That Thy Way May Be Known." We must be alert to the opportunities offered us, especially that of making our great church stronger. We cannot be satisfied with our efforts until we have reached the people here at home and into the uttermost part of the world.

We are happy to report a gain of 166 in membership, but realize that many more should be reached. We are happy to accept one new society this year, that of the Women of the Church of Blue Ridge Trinity congregation.

In stewardship, we have kept up the fine record established by our Kansas Synodical society. Total receipts were $15,391.50. Our Thank Offering increased to $6,349.97.

Detailed reports are published in the annual Minutes of Synod.

May we take this opportunity to thank pastors and congregations for their co-operation, and many we ask you to accept the challenge which your Synodical Missionary Society has adopted: "That thy way may be known upon earth, the saving health among all nations."

Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, President.

Report of Committee on Liturgy and Music

The Committee has had one meeting, and brings in the following report, which is in the nature of suggestions for our churches. We are assuming that the congregations are concerned about preserving the better traditions of the Lutheran Church in Liturgy and Music.

1. That congregations be mindful of proper vestments for clergy and choir. The traditional colors in church vestments are black or white. Stoles may be worn by the pastor. It is not a churchly practice to try to adapt them for the choir. Colored robes for choir are an innovation fostered by commercial houses, who apparently have been successful in selling them to high school glee clubs and high school graduating classes, and are now trying to broaden the market by extending colors to church choirs. The church should be independent of the fashion pressure and sales pressure of the commercial houses and have its own reasons for standards of equipment. Thoughtless disregard of churchly practices can lead to all sorts of extremes.

2. The placement of choir and musicians. The best placement for the choir is no doubt the rear of the church (balcony), where the choir is heard and not seen and therefore experiences little temptations to be other than a worshiping instrument of the church. A chancel placement is not bad if the choir is not facing the congregation, it shows the influence of the concert hall and theater, where those who sing are to entertain. Dr. Horn in "Altar and Pew" says that all music in the church is for worship and should be directed both physically and mentally toward the altar. It is not necessary that the choir turn its back to the people but sit or stand modestly, cross chancel so that the altar is in view. It is not the function of the congregation to be inspecting the choir during the service, nor the choir to inspect the congregation. Worship is the order of the hour.

3. Congregations should be ever mindful of the church year in lessons, responses and hymns. A Trinity hymn such as "Holy, Holy, Holy" used all year round reflects as bad taste as green paraments all year round. The season of the year should be revealed in at least one hymn of the day. And the remaining hymns should not be in monotonous violence of the church year. The rubric or heading in the hymnal does not necessarily prevent a hymn from being used at another time if it is fitting for the sermon or thought of the day. It if is a matter of finding a suitable processional hymn for the choir, we recommend a different processional be used for each season of the church year.

4 Pastors should be alert for opportunities to brief choirs and congregations on a better use of the common service. In many instances our use of the service falls short of being a "joyful noise unto the Lord." It is more often merely a heavy and ponderous noise. Many times it sounds funereal or memorial in quality as though we worship a lost and departed Lord. Our Common Service is a resurrection worship and that spirit should be evident at all times, even in the

Communion. We say our Common Service is beautiful and the committee does not deny this. Nevertheless, in most instances, it is being used at only about fifty percent of its potential value.

We believe it would pay dividends for congregations to bring in an expert on liturgy and music, just as we sometimes seek the help of a staff member of the Parish Education Board of a representative of the Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. Angersbach, Chairman,
K. De Freese
Clarence Hansen

Ministerial Pensions Report

The business of the Pensions Board was completed for the year at the national convention in Seattle; therefore no annual meeting for Synod Pensions Chairmen of each area was thought necessary. It was reported that "special pension" and "annual grant" checks were sent out in January—$150.00 to pastors and $50.00 to widows.

As no pastors unfamiliar with the Pensions Board's plans have entered Synod this year, and as we have received no notification of any major changes in the various plans of the Pensions Board, your Synod Pensions Secretary did not send out correspondence this year. The literature available is listed in the ULCA year book, and was mailed to the pastors of Synod last year.

Each one who has not done so is invited to give thoughtful attention to the benefits offered him and his family and congregation through the Pensions Board. Your Secretary should be glad to give whatever assistance possible to those seeking information relative to such benefits.

On behalf of those pastors, missionaries, and widows who have been the recipients of the pension benefits, we would express appreciation to all congregations who have made these possible through their faithfulness in meeting their benevolence apportionment. To them belongs the joy and satisfaction for having worked to fulfill the Scriptures' command: "Let him who is taught the word share all good things with him who teaches." Gal. 6:6.

Wayne B. Barthel.

Report of the Secretary for Deaconess Work

Your attention is called to the significant changes adopted by the ULCA Convention in Seattle with respect to Deaconess Work. Since you will receive these changes in detail I shall only make brief mention of them in this report. First of all, a deaconess may serve with or without the garb. She may serve under the present cooperative system of support from the Motherhouse, or she may elect to serve on a salary basis. The board of Deaconess Work is to set up a retirement plan for deaconesses not under the cooperative system. This plan is subject to approval of the Executive Board of the Church. A plan of thorough

screening of deaconess candidates was also adopted.

I would again urge all pastors to observe Deaconess Month. May I also again suggest that every pastor devote at least one session each to the callings of the Holy Ministry and the Deaconess Work in his catechetical class.

C. Arthur Freeberg.

Kansas Council of Churches and Christian Education

Your Appointed Secretary has attended all meetings of the Kansas Council of Churches during the past year.

The constitution of the Kansas Council of Churches has been brought into harmony with the constitution of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and now conforms to both the Evangelical Principle and the Representative Principle.

The Council is doing fine constructive work especially in the fields of Christian Education, Interdenominational Relations, and Christian Social Education and Action.

Recommendations

1. That the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States affiliate with the Kansas Council of Churches.

2. That more than a token contribution be made to the Kansas Council of Churches.

Max H. Geissler

Report of the Protocol Committee

The protocol committee has examined the original reports of the 84th Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. The few typographical errors which have been corrected are not reported. While the file of reports which is to be our official protocol does not meet the requirements of our constitution, nevertheless it is submitted, to be placed in the archives of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States as the official protocol for the 84th Annual Convention.

Rev. Martin C. Ashley

Committee on Claims

The following claims have been presented to your committee: Rev. Olney Eaton, Public Relations Committee, for postage, $3.00; Mrs. R. L. Tonzing, Parish Education Committee, postage and stationery, $5.49; Rev. Heinz Ritzen telephone calls relative to Synodical Convention, $32.30; Zion Lutheran Church for paper, stencils, etc., $15.44; Greever's Office Machines Company, $32.30; Hutchline Inc., for badges, $12.69; Southworth Printing Company for printing badges, $3.50; Mr. C. W. Flanders, Rte. 1, Hutchinson, for janitor's service, $7.50.

Calvin J. Naugle, Chairman.

Report of Christian Higher Education Year

The high cause of Christian Higher Education became a Synodical endeavor in 1952. During the past year a total of $679.06 was received from our congregations. To-date some of our congregations have not fulfilled their accepted goal to complete their effort to meet their pledge. We trust that every effort to finish our task will be made. Let us consider it first as a spiritual necessity for our Christian Schools. A recent report from our Board of Education stated that as each Synod did it's part to fulfill their goal the institutions on our territory would be aided in their building programs. The responsibility rests with the congregations and pastors in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard W. Alexander, Chairman.

Report of Delegates to U. L. C. A. Convention

The United Lutheran Church in America met for the eighteenth Biennial Convention, October 2 - 15, 1952, in Seattle, Washington. Delegates from this Synod in attendance were: Pastors R. W. Albert, Willard W. Alexander, Olney E. Eaton, and Aksel Larsen; Laymen Paul C. Buskirk, Harry Zimmerman, R. L. Tonsing, and S. Dee Shepherd. President Tonsing was unable to attend due to illness in his home. All delegates were faithful in their attendance at the long sessions of the Conventions. Most of our delegates served on various committees.

The actions of the Convention were well covered in the Lutheran, our own Kansas Synod Lutheran, and by reports of delegates at various meetings throughout Synod.

R. W. Albert

Report of the Committee on President's Report

Your Committee has examined the report of your President and notes with pride and pleasure the splendid record of the forward movement of Synod under his direction. It also takes note of the many official acts which he has been called upon to perform.

With this convention of Synod Pastor Tonsing completes his two year term of office. He has throughout these past two years evidenced faithful stewardship of time and energy to the performance of his Synodical responsibilities in fulfilling the multitudinous demands placed upon him. During the past two years, under his conscientious leadership Synod has added three newly organized congregations; Kent Memorial, Sunrise Beach, Missouri; Reformation, Wichita, Kansas; and Blue Ridge Trinity, Raytown, Missouri.

In addition to his duties as full time pastor of his congregation, and the affliction visited upon a member of his family, and the Synodical responsibilities carried by his good wife, our President has carried out his duties with zeal, courage and dispatch.

Your Committee heartily commends him, his family, and his congregation for the sharing of his time, ability, experience and labor in the service of the Synod, and hereby expresses most earnestly the gratitude of Synod. We endorse the reception of the President's report by Synod.

Rev. Aksel C. Larsen, Chairman.

1954 Invitations Committee Report

We have received a conditional invitation from the Sunrise Beach Congregation. The Pastor and Delegates are to bring the matter before their Church, and to report to the Synod Executive Committee as to the possibility of entertaining Synod next year. To include the W. M. S.

There is also an invitation from St. John's Salina. To include W. M. S.

Since the 1953 meeting has been in the immediate vicinity of the latter, the Committee suggests that Synod postpone decision until after the Sunrise Beach Congregation has made their final decision. Recommend that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

Rev. Wayne Barthel, Chairman

Report of the Committee on Resolutions

We move the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that we, the Delegates of this 85th Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States, are aware of the gracious Providence of Almighty God by Whose Grace we are permitted to gather and through Whose Spirit we are inspired and strengthened in the task He has set before His Church.
2. Be it resolved that we appreciate the wise counsel and inspiring fellowship of our United Lutheran Church Representative, The Rev. Henry H. Bagger, D. D.
3. Be it resolved that we appreciate the presence and the information brought to us by other Visitors to our Convention: The Rev. Harner Middleswarth; The Rev. Paul W. Dieckman, D. D.; The Rev. Rollin Shaffer; The Rev. A. W. Young, D. D.; Miss Agnes Christianson.
4. Be it resolved that we appreciate the gracious hospitality of the Zion Lutheran Church; noting especially the service of Pastor Ritzen, the Choir and its Director, the Organist and all others who helped make the services of the Convention a possibility; and the labors of those many members of the congregation who through refreshments and receptions have made our stay enjoyable.
5. Be it resolved that we request our Host Pastor to make known announcement.

Rev. George L. Search, Chairman

The Committee on Public Relations report was presented by the Rev. Olney Eaton. Motion: that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

The Reference and Counsel report was presented by Rev. Harry Allen. Motion: to receive report. Motion carried.

The Committee on Invitations report was presented by the Rev. Wayne Barthel.

The Committee on Resolutions report was presented by the Rev. George L. Search. Motion: that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Motion that the Auditor's Report of Mr. John Carr, Treasurer, be referred to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion: that the Synod pay a proportionate share of the cost of printing and distributing of the Merger Constitution. Motion carried.

Motion: that the Executive Committee be empowered to complete any remaining business of the Synod. Motion carried.

Motion: for the adjournment of the 85th Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States. Motion carried.

The Session adjourned with the President conducting the Closing Order of Synods.

Willard W. Alexander, Secretary.

Examining Committee Report

During the year, the Examining Committee circularized by mail the papers pertinent to the reception of the Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt from the Illinois Synod, called to be Pastor of United Lutheran Church. Cole Camp, Missouri. The papers were found to be in order, and were so certified to the President of Synod. The papers pertinent to the reception of the Rev. Walter H. Moeller from the Synod of Northwest, called to be Pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas were examined at a meeting of the Committee on September 29, 1952. The papers were found to be in order and were so certified to the President of Synod.

The Committee has met with Mr. Arno Lehmann, called to be Pastor of the New Cambria-Mentor Parish and recommends Synod authorize his Ordination in his own parish. The Committee has met with Mr. Roy B. Wingate, called to be Pastor of the Schuyler-Ames, Nebraska Parish, Midwest Synod, and recommends his Ordination at this Convention of the Synod.

The Committee has met with Mr. Elden Sheneman, called to be assistant Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa, Iowa Synod, and recommends his Ordination at this Convention of the Synod.

The Committee has met with Mr. Arthur W. Miller, called to be Pastor of St. John's Wellington, Kansas, and recommends that he be received into the Synod of Kansas upon proper letter of transfer from the Synod of the Midwest.

The Committee recommends that the following Pastors having received calls within the bounds of Synod be received formally at this Synod. The following: The Rev. Arthur E. Schmidt, The Rev. Walter H. Moeller, The Rev. Don H. Zinger.

Rev. George L. Search, Chairman.

Minutes

of the

73rd Annual Convention

of the

Women's Missionary Society

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States

HOST CHURCH

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1015 N. Washington, Hutchison, Kansas

H. G. Ritzen, Pastor

April 20, 21, and 22, 1953

Convention Guests

Miss Agnes Christenson, Missionary to India

Mrs. George W. Glen—State President of Council of Church Women

THEME

"That Thy Way May Be Known"

Convention Text: Psalms 67:2

Convention Hymn

1. **Thou Art the Way**

C. B. S. 368

(Tune: In Christ There Is No East or West)

1. Thou art the Way: to Thee a-lone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word a-lone
True wisdom can impart
Thou only canst inform the mind,
And purify the heart.

3. Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

Directory

Women's Missionary Society

1953—1954

National Board Member—Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, 112 S. Knox, Topeka, Kans.

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. George L. Anderson, 1702 University Drive, Lawrence, Kans.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ward Barber, Abilene, Kans.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. John Zimmerman, Valley Falls, Kans.
Statistical Secretary—Mrs. Henry Christiansen, 2915 N. 55th, Kansas City, Kans.
Treasurer—Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, 1114 Amidon Ave., Wichita 3, Kans.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

(Elected at Conference Meetings)

Eastern—Mrs. Duane Skogen, 232 Harrison, Topeka.
Western—Mrs. Gerald Klema, Wilson, Kans.
Southern—Mrs. W. H. Barton, 836 South Madison, Wichita, Kans.

DIVISIONS

Special Gifts

Life Membership and In Memoriam—Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Chapman, Kans.
Patron & Protege—Mrs. Robert Tonsing, 1657 Arkansas, Wichita, Kans.
Special Aids—Mrs. L. S. LaFontaine, 517 Lecta Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.
Thank Offering—Mrs. Reno Frobenius, 316 So. 10th., St. Joseph, Mo.

Promotion

Promotional Secretary—Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, 112 S. Knox, Topeka, Kans.
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Education Secretary—Mrs. Edwin Hirsch, 10520 E. 59th, Kansas City 29, Mo.
Magazine Secretary—Mrs. Harold Kester, 106 W. 22nd, Hutchinson, Kans.
Mission Study Secretary—Mrs. Aksel Larson, 3454 So. Gary, Tulsa, Okla.
Historian—Mrs. R. H. Owen, 1272 Boswell, Topeka, Kans.
Editor of KSL—Mrs. Ellen Schultz, 859 S. Santa Fe, Salina, Kans.
Parliamentarian—Mrs. Frank Buch, 905 Spruceway, Abilene, Kans.

Proceedings

Monday Afternoon—April 20

After the Communion Service with Synod at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas, and a sermon by Rev. E. F. Tonsing, Synodical President, the first session of the Seventy-Third Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States met at the Evangelical United Brethern Church.

The President, Mrs. E. F. Tonsing, formally opened the Convention. All joined in singing the Convention Hymn—"Thou Art the Way." Greetings were brought by Mrs. M. T. Wilson and the response given by Mrs. Ellen Schultz.

An application from a recently organized Women of the Church group of the Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Raytown, Missouri, was presented and they were welcomed by the President.

Mrs. Tonsing introduced her official family.

Mrs. George L. Anderson, program chairman, presented the other members of the committee: Mrs. Ellen Schultz, Mrs. Harold Kester, Mrs. E. P. Boersch, and Mrs. E. J. Alstatt. She also moved the adoption of the program, with necessary changes. Motion carried.

The Secretary, Mrs. John Zimmermon, had roll call and received the credential cards. The following committees were appointed by the President:

Claims: Mrs. Walter Selle
Mrs. Ruben Logbeck
Mrs. E. C. Sager

Resolutions: Miss Katharine Knowles
Mrs. Julius Comby
Mrs. T. Benton Peery

Officers' Reports: Mrs. Fred Stotts
Mrs. Herman Will
Mrs. A. C. Larson

Departmental Secretaries' Reports: Mrs. George H. Albers
Mrs. Paul Adrion
Mrs. George Eller

Secretary's Minutes: Mrs. A. D. Fennell
Mrs. Nina Farmer
Mrs. R. W. Albert

Letters and Communications: Mrs. W. F. Most
Mrs. Herbert Nunemaker
Mrs. Bill Holden

Tellers: Mrs. V. J. Rasmussen
Mrs. Martin Ashley
Miss Myra Glassel

Reporters: "Kansas Synod Lutheran" and "The Lutheran," Mrs. Olney Eaton
"Lutheran Woman's Work," Mrs. R. L. Tonsing
Local Paper, Mrs. M. J. Wilson

Courtesy Chairman: Mrs. W. W. Alexander

Ushers: Mrs. L. E. Phillips and Mrs. Elizabeth Cogswell
Assisted by: Mrs. J. R. Stallman, Mrs. L. Schonholtz, Mrs. Robert Twito and Mrs. Don Greever

Registrar: Mrs. E. J. Alstatt

Balloting for a President was begun. Communications were from Miss Lilith Schwab, Mrs. Linn Livers and Mrs. John B. Moose.

The Minutes of the Executive Board meeting of April 20:

The Executive Board met at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Church, Hutchinson, Kansas on call of the President.

Members present: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Mrs. George L. Anderson, Mrs. John Zimmermon, Mrs. Walter Selle, Mrs. Henry Christiansen, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Mrs. L. S. LaFontaine, Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Mrs. Wm. Hogrefe, Mrs. Reno Frobenius, Mrs. Max Geissler and Mrs. George Aicher. Mrs. W. W. Alexander, Courtesy Chairman, and Mrs. Ellen Schultz, program committee and constitution committee member were also present.

Timely devotions were presented by Mrs. Wayne Barthel. Mrs. Ernest Tonsing was in charge of the meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Kloepper that the Convention Program be changed at the discretion of the officers in order to expedite matters. Motion carried.

A Women of the Church group has been organized at Blue Ridge Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Raytown, Missouri and will be accepted when Synod accepts that congregation.

Delegates are to sit in the center section of the church during voting.

The officers are to present their claims early.

Mrs. Barthel read a letter from Miss Nona M. Diehl telling of her travels in Zorzor.

Several recommendations were made and will be presented at the Tuesday morning session.

Mrs. Ward Barber is Parliamentarian in the excused absence of Mrs. Wilford Riegle.

Mrs. Selle stated that the Synodical Fund needs to be stressed and information about the divisions of funds be given local treasurers.

Two changes in the Constitution were read by Mrs. Ellen Schultz and discussed. This will be brought before the Convention on Tuesday by constitution committee chairman, Mrs. Ward Barber.

A discussion about our Promotional Fund was held and it was decided to have an Executive Board meeting after the Ordination Service.

Mrs. Tonsing dismissed the Board meeting with prayer.

The offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. Ellen Schultz.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Selle, read the constitution stating that 1½c per mile would be paid for travel expenses to Convention for the administrative and executive officers and the delegates from the mission churches.

Announcements were made. Then all prayed the Missionary Benediction.

Monday Evening, April 20

Delegates and visitors of the Women's Missionary Society met with Synod for the Evening Vespers at 8:00 p.m. on April 20 at Zion Church.

An inspiring ordination service was held for two young men called to the Gospel Ministry.

A reception in honor of the newly ordained pastors was held in the church parlors immediately following this service.

Tuesday Morning, April 21

The WMS met with Synod for devotions at Zion Church at 9:00 a.m. on April 21. A splendid address was given by Dr. H. H. Bagger, representative of the United Lutheran Church Executive Board.

At 10:00 a.m. the second session of the Missionary Convention convened at the Evangelical U. B. Church. All joned in singing the hymn "O Zion Haste." The theme for this session was "That Thy Way May Be Known During This Triennium."

Dr. Bagger made a short talk to our group. The host pastor, Rev. H. G. Ritzen, and his wife were introduced and he spoke briefly. Rev. Harry Allen of Kansas City, Missouri talked on foreign missions. Wives of three new pastors were welcomed to our Synod. Nineteen wives of pastors stood and introduced themselves. Dr. Bryan Keisler, President of Central Seminary gave a fine ten minute speech. These guests were introduced by the Courtesy Chairman, Mrs. W. W. Alexander.

Report of the tellers: Mrs. George L. Anderson elected President on the third ballot. Mrs. Ward Barber was elected Vice-President on the first ballot. Mrs. John Zimmerman was re-elected Recording Secretary on the first ballot. Mrs. Henry Christiansen was unanimously re-elected Statistical Secretary.

Mrs. Tonsing introduced Miss Agnes Christianson, missionary to India, and all stood to welcome her.

The following recommendations were made by the Executive Board:

1. Mrs. Reno Frobenius recommended that the allocation of funds be on the first morning of Convention and that we pay Synod $50.00 toward the printing of the Minutes.

Recommendation adopted.

2. Mrs. Reno Frobenius recommended that the honorarium be given the missionary guest speaker. Miss Agnes Christianson, and that $5.00 per session for four sessions be given her.

Recommendation adopted.

3. Mrs. Walter Selle recommended that we give our guest speaker, Mrs. George W. Glen, an honorarium of $5.00.

The motion for adoption was carried.

4. Mrs. Max Geissler recommended that the Convention offerings be placed in the Synodical Fund.

Recommendation adopted.

5. Mrs. Walter Selle recommended that we give our prayers and support for the School of Missions to be held July 10-12 at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

The motion that the recommendation be adopted was carried.

6. Mrs. Fred Kloepper recommended that we give $5.00 as a token of our cooperation to the Kansas State Department of United Church Women (formerly Council of Church Women).

Recommendation adopted.

7. It was recommended by the Board that the conference presidents and other officers are to be installed in their own conferences.

The motion for adoption was carried.

The Report of the President was read and accepted. The eleven recommendations were read separately an voted upon—all were adopted. A standing ovation was given Mrs. Tonsing for her three years of labor of love as our President.

Mrs. Henry Christianson gave the Statistical Report. It was adopted as read. Mrs. Max Geissler, Education Secretary, presented literature she had for sale.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of April 20:

The Executive Board met after the Ordination Service in a called meeting at Zion Church. The following were present: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Mrs. George L. Anderson, Mrs. John Zimmermon, Mrs. Henry Christiansen, Mrs. Walter Selle, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine, Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Mrs. Wm. Hogrefre, Mrs. Max Geissler, Mrs. George Aicher, Mrs. Wayne Barthel, Mrs. Reno Frobenius and the Constintution Committee: Mrs. Ward Barber, Mrs. Ellen Schultz and Mrs. Ralph Hangan.. Mrs. E. Tonsing opened the session with prayer. There was a discussion of Standing Rule 11 of the Constitution. Mrs. Anderson moved that the money remaining in the Promotional Fund be transferred to the Synodical Fund. Motion carried. The President thanked the Constiution Committee for their work this year. Mrs. Barber presented and discussed certain changes in the Constitution. Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. E. J. Alstatt gave the Registrar's Report:

Officers	17
Delegates	82
Visitors	38
Churches Represented	35
Missionaries Present	1
National Board Members	1

Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Fred Kloepper, gave a talk and then presented a skit. Those assisting her were: Miss Doris Jacob, Mrs. Albert Hayden, Mrs. R. W. Albert and Mrs. Delbert Gerstenberger.

Morning session was dismissed by all praying the Missionary Benediction.

Tuesday Noon, April 21

A joint luncheon was served by the ladies of Zion Chuch. Pastor Ernest Tonsing was toastmaster. Mrs. R. L. Tonsing told of the Summer School of Missions. Rev. Olney Eaton led group singing of camp songs. Pastor Richard Scherch passed out Camp Wa-Shun-Ga literature and read an appropriate poem about camp.

Tuesday Afternoon, April 21

Miss Agnes Christenson, missionary from India, gave the devotions at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon at the Evangelical-U. B. Church.

Greetings from Synod were brought by President Ernest Tonsing.

The President of the Mid-West Synod, Rev. Lorin Wolff and Dr. Alfred Young of Tabitha Home gave brief talks. Mr. Harner Middleswarth, representative of the Parish and Church School Board, told of new Children of the Church material.

Mrs. George W. Glenn, Hutchinson, President of the Kansas Department of Church Women, spoke on the afternoon theme which was "That Thy Way May Be Known in Our Cooperation With Others." She told of the Council work and accomplishments, mentioning contributions by the Lutheran Church to that group.

The afternoon offering was dedicated by Mrs. Walter Selle.

A Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Selle, assisted by Mrs. E. P. Boersch. Flannelgraph symbols were used to illustrate the different phases of giving and the percentage of funds. This report and the audit of the treasurer's books were accepted.

In the absence of the Historian, Mrs. R. H. Owen, her report was read by Miss Myra Glassel. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Olney Eaton, reporter for "The Kansas Synod Lutheran," read her report, which was accepted. She recommended that the Society continue to publish the missionary news in this organ also. Recommendation adopted. Meeting adjourned.

Tuesday Evening, April 21

The Convention Banquet for the Synod and the Women's Missionary Society was held at Hotel Bisonte at 7:00 p.m. on April 21. Flowers, small individual red churches and favors of Barton's Salt added to the enjoyment of the evening. Good food, group singing, a splendid program consisting of a reading, a Luther League Presentation, and splendid music was followed by a most inspiring address by the President of Midland College, Dr. Paul W. Dieckman. Honored guests, Synodical officers and officers of the Women's Missionary Society were introduced by the able toastmaster, Mr. LeRoy Rinard of Salina.

Wednesday Morning, April 22

The WMS convented with Synod at 9:00 a.m. on April 22 at Zion

Church. Devotions were followed by a fine address by Dr. H. H. Bagger. A picture was taken of the entire group.

At 10:30 a.m. the women met at the Evangelical-U. B. Church with Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, presiding and using the theme "That Thy Way May Be Known Through Service."

Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, President of Midland College, spoke briefly about our own Church College.

Because of the lateness of the hour, the workshops were not conducted as planned by Mrs. H. L. Kester, general chairman. The workshops were conducted in the Church sanctuary.

Funds—Mrs. Walter Selle, treasurer, told of her work and was moderator. Mrs. E. P. Boersch—Thank Offering, Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine—Special Aids, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing—Patron and Protege and Mrs. Wayne Barthel—Life Membership and In Memoriam.

Promotion—Mrs. Fred Kloepper, Promotional Secretary, was moderator and Mrs. William Hogrefe—Deaconess work and Mrs. Reno Frobenius—Student work.

Education—Mrs. Max Geissler, Education Secretary, talked about that department and literature. Mrs. George Aicher told of the magazine "Lutheran Women's Work" and it was stated that Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Emmerich, was unable to be present because of illness. The Education Department was summerized by Mrs. Geissler.

Mrs. Olney Eaton, Editor of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran," wants local news items, especially the names of new officers.

The President announced that Mrs. Walter Selle had been unanimously re-elected Treasurer by the Administrative Board.

Miss Agnes Christenson spoke on the subject, "More Missionaries," telling of her work in India and the need for workers there.

The Missionary Benediction was used for the closing of this session.

Wednesday Noon, April 22

On Wednesday noon, the ladies of Zion Church served luncheon for the delegates and visitors of the Women's Missionary Society Convention. Mrs. Ernest Tonsing was toastmaster. Highlight of the noon hour was a play, "Cindy's Chance," directed and planned by Mrs. Walter Selle. It had been rewritten by Miss Elsie Schaefer of Kansas City, Missouri, to tell of our work at Konnarock. Those taking part: Mrs. Ruth McKeown, Mrs. Anna Linday, Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mrs. Henry Christiansen, Mrs. Clarence Murphree, Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Mrs. A. D. Fennell, Mrs. A. Hilliard, Mrs. Edwin Hirsch, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaefer and Penny Flanders. All hearing this play were inspired to do more for Home Missions. Flowers, cleverly folded napkins and literature about Konnarock added much to the occasion.

Wednesday Afternoon, April 22

"That Thy Way May Be Known Around the World" was the central thought when the group convened at the Evangelical-U. B. Church at 1:30 on Wednesday afternoon, April 22.

Miss Agnes Christenson gave the lovely devoti ns. The offering was dedicated by our President.

Greetings were brought from the President of the Nebraska Synod, Dr. Theodore Schuldt. His wife was also introduced. Mrs. Herbert Pett of Wellington was introduced and spoke briefly. The Secretary of Promotion for LWA, Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer of New York City, gave us a short message.

Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine conducted the Special Aids Shower. A clever hospital setting with lots of bandages was the background for her talk and Scripture lesson. The words of the song "Thou To Whom The Sick and Dying" was read by all. A special box was used for the offerings which will buy bandages for our mission hospitals, which amounted to $368.80.

Mrs. E. P. Boersch, Thank Offering Secretary, used a violin drawn by her, as the center of her thank offering talk. Strings for the violin were added and bow finished this unique poster.

All adjourned to the basement where Mrs. R. L. Tonsing showed pictures of the work of the Patron and Protege Department.

A letter of greeting was read from National Promotion Secretary, Dr. Frances Dysinger.

Mrs. W. H. Barton moved that we give the custodian of the EUB Church a token of $5.00. Motion carried.

The reports of the Convention committees were read and accepted.

The Treasurer announced that the total Convention offerings was $107.83.

The President asked the Constitution Committee chairman, Mrs. Ward Barber, to reread the recommended changes in the By-Laws.

The Constitution Committee recommends the following changes:

1. That in Article Eight of the By-Laws the words "The fiscal year shall close December 20" be stricken out and "The fiscal year shall close June 20" be substituted.

Mrs. Vance Baird moved that the recommendation to amend Article 8 of the By-Laws be tabled. Motion carried.

2. That to the final sentence of Article Six, Section 3, of the By-Laws, be added the phrase "Or a present member of the General Board."

Recommendation to amend Article Six, Section 3 of the By-Laws carried without a negative vote.

The President thanked the ushers, the tellers, the Registrar, the reporters and all who helped make this such a successful Convention. She asked for our prayers as she goes to Philadelphia on April 26 for the National Board meeting.

There was a standing ovation for our new President, Mrs. George L. Anderson. She responded with a few well-chosen words.

Mrs. Barber asked all to stand in tribute to Mrs. Ernest Tonsing for her three years service to us.

The last session was closed by a beautiful Life Membership and

In Memoriam Service under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Barthel. Programs were handed each one present. A large wooden cross was the center of her talk, Scripture reading, prayer and music. Mrs. George Gustafson was organist, Pastor J. Franklin Shirck was soloist and sweet peas were placed on the cross as the names of the Life Members and In Memoriams were read. This was a fitting climax for the shower that totaled $1,040. All left the Church in silence.

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Be it resolved:

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2. That we thank Pastor and Mrs. Ritzen and members of Zion Lutheran Church for their hospitality and kindness during this Convention.

3. That we thank those who furnished music during the various sessions.

4. That we thank the members of the Evangelical-United Brethren Church for the use of their sanctuary for our meetings.

5. That we thank our president, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, and her official family for their faithful and efficient service the last three years. Especially do we thank God for His care for our President's family during this trying year.

6. That we thank Mrs. George W. Glen and all those who have brought inspirational messages from this Synod and from the Executive Board and all others who extended greetings.

7. That we thank especially Miss Agnes Christensen for her

years of faithful service in India and for the inspiration of her presence and devotion during this Convention.

8. That we thank the men of the Synod for their cooperation with the Women's Missionary Society.

9. That we thank God for the 100% organization of Missionary Societies in our Kansas Synod and we pray for a renewed interest and activity among them.

10. That the work of the Women's Missionary Society of Kansas and Adjacent States MAY MAKE THY WAY KNOWN THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF MERCY, THROUGH TEACHING AND THROUGH EVANGELISM.

Respectfully submitted
Katharine Knowles
Mrs. Julius Comby
Mrs. T. Benton Peery

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports

Your committee on officer's reports wishes to thank the officers and committee chairmen for time and loving efforts they have given to the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States this past year.

We are grateful to Mrs. Ernest Tonsing for the inspiration and unselfish devotion she has given us as President. Her recommendations which we accepted should be a challenge to all of us.

After reading the officers' reports, we are happy to see progress being made.

With gratitude to those who have so ably served us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Fred Stotts
Mrs. A. C. Larson
Mrs. Herman Will

Report of Departmental Secretaries

The committee has been encouraged by the growth and increased interest in the various departments as reported by the secretaries.

We have checked the reports and found it necessary to make a few corrections. These corrections will be taken care of before the printing of the 1953 annual convention minutes.

May we recommend that we stress and encourage missionary education for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Geo. H. Albers
Mrs. Paul Adrion
Mrs. George Eller

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3. That we thank those who furnished music during the various sessions.
4. That we thank the members of the Evangelical-United Brethren Church for the use of their sanctuary for our meetings.
5. That we thank our president, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, and her official family for their faithful and efficient service the last three years. Especially do we thank God for His care for our President's family during this trying year.
6. That we thank Mrs. George W. Glen and all those who have brought inspirational messages from this Synod and from the Executive Board and all others who extended greetings.
7. That we thank especially Miss Agnes Christensen for her

years of faithful service in India and for the inspiration of her presence and devotion during this Convention.

8. That we thank the men of the Synod for their cooperation with the Women's Missionary Society.

9. That we thank God for the 100% organization of Missionary Societies in our Kansas Synod and we pray for a renewed interest and activity among them.

10. That the work of the Women's Missionary Society of Kansas and Adjacent States MAY MAKE THY WAY KNOWN THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF MERCY, THROUGH TEACHING AND THROUGH EVANGELISM.

Respectfully submitted
Katharine Knowles
Mrs. Julius Comby
Mrs. T. Benton Peery

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports

Your committee on officer's reports wishes to thank the officers and committee chairmen for time and loving efforts they have given to the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States this past year.

We are grateful to Mrs. Ernest Tonsing for the inspiration and unselfish devotion she has given us as President. Her recommendations which we accepted should be a challenge to all of us.

After reading the officers' reports, we are happy to see progress being made.

With gratitude to those who have so ably served us.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Fred Stotts
Mrs. A. C. Larson
Mrs. Herman Will

Report of Departmental Secretaries

The committee has been encouraged by the growth and increased interest in the various departments as reported by the secretaries.

We have checked the reports and found it necessary to make a few corrections. These corrections will be taken care of before the printing of the 1953 annual convention minutes.

May we recommend that we stress and encourage missionary education for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Geo. H. Albers
Mrs. Paul Adrion
Mrs. George Eller

Committee on Secretary's Minutes

We have read the secretary's minutes of the 73rd Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. D. Fennell
Mrs. Nina Farmer
Mrs. R. W. Albert

Report of Committee on Letters and Communications

Greetings from this Convention were sent the following::
Miss Lilith Schwab, South India
Mrs. John B. Moose, Columbus, South Carolina
Mrs. G. W. Titus, Wichita, Kansas
Mrs. Lynn Livers, Barnes, Kansas
Mrs. Fuller Bergstresser, Abilene, Kansas
Mrs. R. H. Owen, Topeka, Kansas
Miss Martha Peterson and Miss Arlene Nestler,
Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. F. Most
Mrs. Herbert Nunemaker
Mrs. Bill Holden

Report of the President

"That Thy Way May Be Made Known"

As we meet in this 73rd Annual Convention, which marks the close of my term as President, there are many things which afford great joy. On the other hand there are occasions for concern. The rumors of war are greater. Many threats are present to our church and our people. But we must pause and be thankful to God, who has brought us safely through another year. We must be thankful for the opportunities and privileges in serving. In the midst of all of life's trials, we hear Him say, "Fear not, I am with thee!"

There are many things yet undone, and too many people still remain untouched by the Church. This report is given in the form of a challenge, and I ask you to accept it as such, and to show genuine concern about the growth of our church. I ask you to interest the young people, the business women and our children. We have a great and wonderful church. Let us "make His way known" at every opportunity. Let us take advantage of the opportunity to serve and to make His way known through the ministry of mercy: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

We are thankful for the increase of 167 in our membership. But does this represent our most ardent efforts to foster growth in the Church?

We note an increase in Patron and Protege, and in Thank Offering.

However, two departments show decreases, Life Membership, and Special Aids.

Through our promotional department we have contributed to the Amelia D. Kemp Scholarship. We are happy to note the progress of our two girls attending Midland College on W.M.S. scholarships. Still, we look for other young people to do parish work, and to enter the diaconate. We note a slight gain in Magazine subscriptions. We note an upsurge in interest in Mission Study. The number having completed the reading course may be smaller, since, under the new ruling, one must have spent four hours in study.

The activities of your President have been many and varied, and have included three executive meetings, including one immediatly following the Convention and several committee meetings. Mrs. Reno Frobenius was appointed Student secretary in place of Mrs. W. W. Klover, who left the synod. I served on the Committee on Foreign Missions of Synod, have written numerous articles for the Kansas Synod Lutheran, edited and mailed three general news bulletins, answered many letters of inquiry, appointed a committee to set up the program for the Camp Wa-Shun-Ga mission study. I represented the Kansas synodical society at the national convention, where I was privileged to present a devotional at one of the workshops. I was greatly honored in being elected to the National Board, and attended one meeting. As a Board member, I am chairman of the "Inter-Church Committee," and serve on the Promotion committee. I have represented the synodical W.M.S. at the Kansas Dept. of United Church Women state conventions. I have served as vice president of the Topeka Council of Church Women, and was on the board of the Y.W.C.A. It was my happy privilege to be present at the dedication of Kent Memorial church, and at the anniversary dinner at Peabody. I spoke at three conference meetings, at morning worship in several congregations, at a Patron and Protege tea, gave several promotional talks, and will present the lesson on Inter-Church work to three societies. I was present at the organizational meeting of the Blue Ridge Trinity society. The meeting at Norcatur was cancelled because of snow. I rejoice over our nine societies organized in the last three years.

Now I return the office you so graciously entrusted to me three years ago. I express my sincere appreciation to all of you, officers, leaders, members. I am deeply grateful for your prayers and your support. You have been patient and understanding. My only regret is that I could not have done more. A special word of thanks should go to Mrs. George Anderson, who has worked so faithfully as vice-president and chairman of the program committee.

I ask that you show the same loyalty and support to the president who is to be elected. Will you do all within your power to "make His way known" during the days and years ahead?

As I leave office, I should like to challenge you with the following recommendations:

1. That we continue to offer two scholarships at Midland College to girls interested in Christian service.

2. That we do all within our power to help in the support of an additional missionary.

3. That we continue the support of Lillith Schwab through our prayers and our means.

4. That we plan meetings geared to the needs of 'teen-agers and to business and professional women.

5. That we do all in our power to increase Missionary Education in the Sunday Schools.

6. That we continue to publish the News Bulletin quarterly, and to make use of the space allotted in the **Kansas Synod Lutheran.**

7. That we support by prayers and our presence the Mission Study session at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

8. That we continue the Missionary Education at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

9. That we give thanks to Almighty God, who has carried us safely through another year.

10. That we give thanks for continued avenues of service, so that "His Way may be known."

11. That we give thanks for the helpful cooperation of officers and secretaries, local societies, pastors, and to our host church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ernest Tonsing.

Report of Vice President

Your vice-president attended the summer meeting of the Eastern Conference at St. Joseph, Missouri, serving as the representative of the President. She attended the national convention at Philadelphia as a delegate of the Synodical society. During the fall months she attended the meetings of the Eastern, Western, and Southern conferences; two Board meetings and the committee meetings in Topeka.

Those who assisted in the preparation of the program for Convention were: Mrs. Ellen Schultz, of Salina; Mrs. Blenda Boersch, of Kansas City, Mrs. Harold Kester and Mrs. Alstapt, of Hutchinson, and Mrs. Ernest Tonsing of Topeka.

Mrs. George L. Anderson.

Report of Southern Conference

The Southern Conference of the Women's Missionary Society met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Peabody, Kansas, October 28, 1952, convening at the same time as the Southern Conference of Synod. It was a genuine pleasure to meet in the beautifully redecorated Peabody Church at the conclusion of their Diamond Jubilee. St. Paul's hospitality, which added greatly to the splendid feeling of fellowship which existed throughout the entire day.

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to the joint groups at 9:00 a.m. The women were called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Vice-President, Mrs. M. H. Barton—Mrs. H. H. Pett having resigned from the presidency earlier. With the exception of one, all

societies answered the roll call. One morning session highlight was the heart stirring message of Lutheran World Action by Dr. Martin Dietrich, having so recently returned to the United States after five years with the National Lutheran Council in Germany.

The day's highlight was the Philadelphia Panel as presented by the following delegates to the National Convention: Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Mrs. Henry Christianson, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. John Zimmermon, Mrs Walter Selle and Mrs. Fred Kloepper. So vivid and realistic was this presentation that the listeners almost felt they had been to Philadelphia themselves. It was truly a thrill to see and hear our Synodical delegates and greet them as guests of Southern Conference.

Reports filled with information were given by the following department Secretaries: Education—Mrs. Max Geissler, Magazine—Mrs. George Aisher, Special Aids—Mrs. Leo La Fontaine, Patron and Protege—Mrs. R. L. Tonsing and Mission Study—Mrs. C. C. Emmerich. " A Golden Anniversary—50 Years of Mission Study" was recognized in a fitting manner by Mrs. Emmerich. Mrs. Olney Eaton, Editor of the Kansas Synod Lutheran, made timely remarks pertaining to WMS publicity.

Seattle news by word and picture as presented by Rev. Olney Eaton, a Synodical Delegate, was thoroughly enjoyed at the close of a very busy and inspiring day.

The conference voted to share its offering in the following way:

Amelia D. Kempt Memorial—$25.00; Lilith Schwab—$10.00; Love Gift—$10.00 to the Synodical President, Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, to whom the conference wishes to pay tribute for her splendid leadership and service and offer congratulations to her on having been elected a member of the National Board.

The newly elected officers are: President—Mrs. M. H. Barton; Vice-President—Mrs. Olney Eaton; Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ray Stromer.

The Registrar, Mrs. Stromer, reported 73 present.

Prayer dismissal was given by Mrs. Axel Larsen.

Mrs. M. H. Barton

Report of the Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference of the Womens' Missionary Society held two meetings during the past year. An all day meeting at the First Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, was held August 12, 1952, and a joint meeting with the Brotherhood and Luther League took place at Children's Memorial Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri, October 19, 1952.

The August meeting with opened with devotions by Mrs. L. C. Talbot. Greetings were extended by Mrs. J. R. Teitz, president of the Eastern Conference. The Synodical officers present were introduced. The guest speaker for both the morning and afternoon sessions was Miss Lilith Schwab.

Mrs. Teitz presided over the meeting in October. Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, president of the Synodical Missionary Society gave an inspirational

address. A panel discussion on the National Convention was given by the delegates and guests who attended the convention in Philadelphia. Officers elected were Mrs. George L. Anderson, president; Mrs. Julius Comby, vice-president, and Mrs. Sherman Fredricks, secretary-treasurer. The group joined the Brotherhood and Luther League to hear a report on the Hanover meeting by Rev. Allen of St. Marks Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. George L. Anderson.

Report of Western Conference

The Western Conference convened in Salina. October 28, for the annual convention. The Women's Missionary Societies of St. Johns greeted the visitors with hot coffee and doughnuts, which were greatly appreciated after a long drive.

The morning devotions were led by Mrs. Ernest Tonsing. "Highlights of the National Convention" was presented in the form of a panel with Mrs. Ernest Tonsing, Mrs. George Anderson and Mrs. John Zimmerman, delegates to Philadelphia participating. They were ably assisted by Mrs. Fred Kloepper and Mrs. Walter Selle. Mrs. A. Lohmeyer of Washington presented the Memorial Service, taking just a few minutes fom a busy day to remember those who have left their worldly home. The "Lord's Prayer" was beautifully sung by Mrs. A. Gruenthal of Salina.

The afternoon devotions were led by Mrs. Burl Pepper of Abilene. James Brown talked on "The Church Points the Way for Youth"—giving the adults the feeling that we have some splendid youth in this Lutheran group of ours who are willing to follow the way the Church points. Rev. Allen, St. Marks, Kansas City, talked on Lutheran World Federation, bringing the meeting in Germany just a little nearer to our hearts.

The newly elected officers for the year are: Mrs. Alyce Klema, Wilson—President; Mrs. Burl Pepper, Abilene,—Vice-Pesident; Mrs. Florence Kilian, Chapman—Secretary-Treasurer.

The offering was given to the Amelia D. Kemp Scholarship and for Special Aids. The 1953 conference will be in Wasington, Kansas, with the W. M. S. of the Good Shepherd Church as hostess.

The President attended one Synodical Board meeting and the Synodical Convention in Kansas City. Two letters were sent to each society president pertaining to the work as a whole.

Report of Life Membership and In Memoriam Secretary

Our records show the following for the year 1952:

Life Membership	96	$ 960.00
In Memoriams	8	200.00
Transferrals	9	135.00
Total	113	$1295.00
Total (1951)	118	$1375.00
Difference		80.00

A letter explaining the purpose of the Life Membership and In Memoriam Department was sent to all Presidents in the Kansas Synod in November, 1952. An article promoting the Department also appeared in the March Kansas Synod Lutheran, and a second letter to all local societies reminding them of our Life Membership Shower at the Convention was sent in March.

Mrs. Wayne B. Barthel

Report of Patron and Protege Secretary

Native Workers

4	NW India	Gospel Messenger Class thru Mary & Martha Circle, Rock Port, Mo.	$ 50.00
58	NW India	Mr. and Mrs. Karl Scholz thru WMS, Lancaster, Mo.	50.00**
136	NW India	W. M. S. Lawrence, Kansas	50.00
200	NW India	W. M. S. Lawrence, Kansas	50.00
254	NW India	Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Rumberger, thru WMS, St. Mark's. K. C., Mo.	50.00
294	NW India	Women of the Church, Hutchinson, Kansas	100.00
309	NW India	W. M. S. St. Joseph, Mo.	50.00
310	NW India	Dramatics Club thru W.M.S. St. Joseph, Mo.	50.00
384	NW India	'A Friend' thru W.M.S. Rock Port, Mo.	50.00
385	NW India	Mission Daughters, Wichita, Kansas	50.00
386	NW India	Isel Class, thru Mission Daughters, Wichita	50.00
387	NW India	W.M.S. Wichita, Kansas	50.00
491	NW Japan	W.O.C. Hutchinson, Kansas	150.00
494	NW Japan	W.M.S. Wakeeney, Kansas	50.00
514	NW Japan	Mission Daughters, Wichita, Ks. (partial)	50.00*
851	NW India	Intermediate S.S. class, thru W.M.S. Rock Port, Mo.	25.00
			$925.00

Scholarships and Students

64	W Africa	W.M.S. Wichita, Kansas	$ 40.00
87	W Liberia	W.O.C. Salina, Kansas	65.00
114	W China	W.M.S. St. Mark's, K.C., Mo. (discon't)	10.00
121	W India	W.O.C. Emporia, Kansas	25.00
134	W S. Amer.	Sunday school thru W.M.S., Wichita	60.00
141	W India	W.M.S. Greenleaf, Kansas	25.00
214	W India	King's Daughters, St. Mark's, K.C., Mo.	40.00
207	W India	Ladie's Bible Class, thru W.M.S. St. Mark's, K. C.	25.00
324	W Liberia	Junior S.S. class thru W.M.S. Lancaster Rockport, Mo.	25.00
331	W Argentina	W.M.S. St. Mark's, K. C., Mo.	60.00
338	W Liberia	W.M.S. Lawrence, Kansas	40.00

356	W India	Sunday School tru W.O.C. Topeka, Ks.	25.00
324	W Liberia	Junior S.S. class thru W.M.S. Rockport, Mo.	25.00
754	W India	W.M.S. Wilson, Kansas	25.00
770	W India	W.M.S. Hays, Kansas	25.00
781	W Konnarock	W.O.C. Abilene, Kansas	50.00
782	W Japan	Mission Daughters, Wichita, Kansas	50.00
935	W Africa	S.S. thru Missionites, Atchison, Kans.	40.00
1013	W Japan	W.M.S. Children's Memorial, K.C., Mo.	50.00
1014	W Japan	W.M.S. Children's Memorial, K.C., Mo.	50.00
1083	W Japan	W.M.S. St. Joseph, Mo.	100.00**
1186	W India	S.S. thru W.M.S. Waterville, Kansas	25.00
1262	W Argentina	W.M.S. Circle 1, Bendena, Kansas	60.00
1264	W Konnarock	W.M.S. Wakeeney, Kansas (partial)	25.00
1337	W Japan	Primary Department—St. Paul's S.S. thru W.M.S. Greenleaf, Kansas	50.00
1348	W Japan	W.M.S. Rockport, Mo.	50.00
1354	W India	Martha Society, Peabody, Kansas	40.00
1355	W Japan	W.M.S. Circle 2, Bendena, Kansas	25.00
1358	W Japan	W.M.S. Peabody, Kansas	50.00
1388	W Buenos Aires	W.M.S. Ft. Smith, Arkansas	60.00*
1543	W India	W.M.S. Wichita, Kansas	25.00*
			$1,265.00
		TOTAL	$2,190.00

Miscellaneous

35	W Liberia	Baby Lael Class thru Miss Daughters, Wichita, Kansas	$ 50.00
70	W Liberia	Baby High School class, thru W.M.S. Rock Port, Mo.	50.00
316	W Virgin Is.	Baby W.M.S. Beloit, Kansas	40.00
624	W Japan	Colony of Mercy W. M. S. Wichita, Ks.	25.00
750	W Virgin Is.	Baby W.O.C. Salina, Kansas	40.00
739	W Old Person,	Colony of Mercy, Japan, W.M.S. Greenleaf, Ks. (partial)	10.00
1232	W Virgin Is.	Baby W.M.S. Glasco, Kansas	40.00
1356	W Japan,	Old Person, Colony of Mercy, Mary & Martha Circle, Rock Port, Mo.	50.00*
1394	W Japan,	Old Person, Colony of Mercy, W.M.S. Atchison, Kansas	25.00*
1501	W Japan,	Old Person, Colony of Mercy, W.M.S. St. Mark's K. C., Mo.	25.00*
	Undesignated, to be used where needed—	Mission Guild, Valley Falls	5.00
		W.M.S. Circle 2, Bendena, Kansas	10.00

Women's Guild, Tulsa, Okla.	10.00
W.M.S. Beloit, Kansas	40.00
	420.00
	2,190.00
GRAND TOTAL	$2,620.00

* designates new protege

** designates re-newed protege

Numerous inquiries have been received and supplied with information and literature. Several of our lapsed proteges have been renewed and several new proteges adopted.

Letters have been sent to all local societies during the year and articles supplied for the Kansas Synod Lutheran and the Women's Work Magazine.

A hearty greeting is extended to all patrons, with the prayer that God will surely bless your efforts to extend His Kingdom through native workers and students.

Truly, the first mission of our new Triennial Emphasis is fulfilled in those patrons who are supporting old persons or sick babies in Japan or the Virgin Islands. This is a Ministry of Mercy, while others are Ministeries of Teaching and Evangelism.

Let us continue to make His Way known through Patron and Protege efforts.

Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, secretary

Report of Special Aids Secretary

Vitamins (Convention Shower)	$345.87
Kodai Konal Sale	20.00
Blocks for Phoebe Hospital	31.56
Japan	3.00
Virgin Islands	10.00
India	26.00
Sister Florence Bechtold, Virgin Islands, Christmas	10.00
Lillith Schwab, Christmas	20.00
Undesignated	64.70
TOTAL 1952	$531.13

A total of 55 boxes were reported sent to North American Missions and a total of 39 boxes were reported sent to World Missions.

Articles were written for the Kansas Synod Lutheran and the Quarterly Bulletin. Letters were sent to the individual societies of the Synod. Your secretary made a short report to the Southern Conference at the fall meeting.

Your secretary appreciated the fine cooperation of the Societies in the work of Special Aids.

Mrs. L. S. La Fontaine

Thank-Offering Report

Number of Thank Offering Services held	36
Number sending in Quarterly Thank Offering	41
Number showing increased Thank Offering	32

Last year's offering was $6,079.42; this year $6,349.97. So we show a substantial increase, although statistically only 32 societies show an increase in Thank Offering as compared to 39 last year. Nevertheless, we are grateful to all for their generous gifts to Thank Offering for it seems to me that the Thank Offering sets the tone and the pace for ALL of our work. Let's always keep before us the real purpose of Thank Offering—to help us all to recognize GOD DAILY in our lives and living through the visible reminder, the Thank Offering. "A daily gift, a daily prayer that all the world our Christ may share."

Mrs. E. P. Boersch

Report of Promotional Secretary

The past year has seen our Synodical Society meet one of the promotional goals of the General Society that "a missionary organization in every congregation" be formed. As new mission churches are organized, missionary organizations will also be established.

Our emphasis this past year has been on building membership and stewardship to higher levels. There is much to be desired in these two fields of endeavor, for by lifting our sights we will be growing stronger spiritually.

Your secretary was authorized to assist in promoting the Triennial Emphasis—"That Thy Way May Be Known Through Mercy, Teaching and Evangelism". Promotion of a special thank offering for our 100% membership this past year resulted in a nice sum given to the Synod Home Missions Committee. Promotion work has also been done on the Amelia D. Kemp Memorial Fund for graduate study by missionaries.

Your secretary was requested by Dr. Frances Dysinger to be a member of a four-member panel to present new promotional goals at the Triennial Convention-Congress in Philadelphia, September 20-24. She also assisted in presenting the General Promotional Report to the convention. In this honor all our membershrip had a part, and I am deeply grateful for the honor of personal participation.

All fall conferences were attended and promotional goals presented. Two board meetings were also attended thoughout the past year. Two articles were edited for Lutheran Woman's Work and appeared in the May promotional issue. Other articles are being prepared for the current year. Two letters of promotion were sent to all societies. Two articles were submitted to Kansas Synod Lutheran. All correspondence was answered promptly.

Mrs. Fred Kloepper

Report of Deaconess Secretary

MORE DEACONESSES IN '53—NOW is the time to recruit for next year. Seniors in High School are eligible to make application to be approved as deaconess students for the following fall. In my article in the September issue of the Kansas Synod Lutheran, I stated—"The chief work of the Deaconess Board this year has been in the development of details involved in the expansion of the deaconate to include young women who wish to serve without the garb and on a salary basis rather than under the present cooperative system". In 1951-52 there were 35 deaconess students. There are six young women receiving specialized training for parish and church secretarial work. There are 34 deaconess students coming fom 18 synods, and 11 special students enolled last fall. The names of two Kansas girls were sent in the past year. Let us hope and pray that one or both will answer the call.

In my article in the January issue of the Kansas Synod Lutheran I recommended the following audio-visual aids for youth and church organizations: Film strip—"A Glorious Adventure", new colored film strip—"A School for Parish Workers", an Advent slide—"Christmas with our Philadelphia Deaconesses". These film strips may be ordered from Sister Mildred Winter, Board of Deaconess Work, Room 713, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, 7, Pennsylvania.

We need more Deaconesses and full time workers. Let us work through our youth. Through them we may secure our ministers, doctors, nurses, parish workers, deaconesses and missionaries. Let our prayers in the coming year be for OUR YOUTH, OUR COUNTRY, OUR CHURCH.

Mrs. Wm. Hogrefe.

Report of Student Secretary

The Annual Student Census, sponsored by the Board of Education of United Lutheran Church was conducted in October and November, 1952. It revealed that out of 270 Kansas Synod students attending colleges and universities, 22 are attending Lutheran institutes. This is 13 less than last year. Eight of these are preparing for the ministry, one for the diaconate and one for parish work.

The names of all students were sent to the Lutheran Student Pastors of their particular institutions and to the National Board of Education. Student nurses names were sent to the Lutheran Nurses Guild.

Miss Martha Petersen, Kansas City, Kansas, and Miss Arlene Nestler, Atchison, Kansas, are the two Midland College students from Synod sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society during the current school year.

In addition to the letters required in conducting the student census, the student secretary carried on correspondence with the two young women at Midland and also wrote at item for the Kansas Synod Luther-

an and a brief history of the scholarship fund for the Lutheran Woman's Work.

Mrs. Reno R. Frobenius

Report of Education Secretary

The Education Division of our national Women's Missionary Society is regularly studying and seeking ways in which to improve and provide materials which will be of benefit in our Christian and missionary education.

New types of programs have been worked out in recent years, and it is the aim of the Education Division to provide materials which will interest the women of our churches in whatever walk of life they may be, and will also appeal to different age groups. The members of the Education Division also strive to provide the best materials for the children, who are the future of Christianity and the church everywhere.

Literature sales the past year have been as follows: Convention at Kansas City, Kansas, April 22-24, 1952—$61.15; Southern Conference at Peabody, Kansas, October 27-28—$25.60; Western Conference at Salina, Kansas, October, 1952—$17.40; Total—$104.15.

Your secretary has written for the Kansas Synod Lutheran, and sent letters to local societies, carried on corespondence with state and conference officers, national secretaries, and others requesting help and information.

The Educational Division of your Kansas Synodical Society urges all interested in the missionary program to support and attend the Mission Retreat at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga from July 10-12.

Mrs. Max H. Geissler

Magazine Secretary's Report

From the statistical report covering January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1952, Kansas Synod reports 860 subscriptions to "Lutheran Woman's Work," a slight gain of 3 over the previous year. Our "Honor Societies" remained at eleven, equal to the past year. Five societies did not turn in their number of L. W. W. subscriptions at the time this report was compiled.

We have a membership in The Kansas Synod Women's Missionary Society of 1518, an increase of 113.

I was present at the Executive Board meeting in Topeka, Kansas, on September 30, 1952. I submitted an article for the October issue of the "Kansas Synod Lutheran." Two letters have been sent to each society during the year.

I attended Southern Conference at Peabody, Kansas, October 28, 1952, and presented a few promotional thoughts for "Lutheran Women's Work."

"Making His Way Known" can be emphasized and realized through our gains in membership in the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. George Aicher

Report of Editor for the Kansas Synod Lutheran

News, pictures and items of interest pertaining to the Synodical Missionary Society have appeared in all issues of the *Kansas Synod Lutheran* during the year. The cooperation of the officers, secretaries and correspondents of the local societies have made it possible to emphasize all phases of the missionary work. During 1952 the department secretaries were especially prompt in sending their respective articles and I want to thank them.

I recommend that the Society continue to publish the missionary news in the *Kansas Synod Lutheran.*

Mrs. Olney E. Eaton

Report of Mission Study Secretary

Two articles relative to this department's work appeared in the Kansas Synod Lutheran and letters were sent to each Society.

I am sure many Mission Study books were read in all groups, but we have no way of reporting this unless YOU qualify for the Reading Course. Let us double this number for next year.

Reports show the following for the year 1952:

1. No. of 4-hour study groups	
Home Theme	14
Foreign Theme	13
No. of persons attending	
Home Theme	226
Foreign Theme	242
II. Book Reviews—Home Theme	17
Foreign Theme	14
No. of persons attending	
Home Theme	282
Foreign Theme	192
III. No. persons completing Reading Course	63
IV. Lenten Week of Prayer	
No. Societies observing	21
No. Meetings held	67
No. Societies using Educational Division Programs	19

Missionary interest through increased knowledge creates a desire for action. Let us try harder to present Mission Study to more people next year.

Mrs. C. C. Emmerich.

Report of Historian

Copies of the Minutes of Synod, the Kansas Synod Lutherans, minutes of the Executive meetings held September 30, 1952 and January 13, 1953 at Topeka, Kansas and a copy of the Convention Bulletin of the National Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church of America held at Philadelphia, Pa. September 20-24, 1952, have been added to the Historian's files during the past year.

I have attended the Executive meetings, the Eastern Conference at Kansas City and the Western Conference at Salina, the past year.

Mrs. R. H. Owen, Historian.

Roll of Presidents of Local Societies — 1953

Eastern Conference

Atchison WMS, Mrs. Lars Larson, 1017 Division, Atchison, Ks.
Atchison Missionites, Mrs. Harold Jacobson, 1002 George, Atchison, Ks.
Bendena Circle No. 1, Mrs. Geo. H. Albers, R. 1, Bendena, Ks.
Bendena Circle No. 2, Mrs. Wm. Laverentz, Bendena, Ks.
Bendena Moray, Mrs. Elmer Roes, Jr., Troy, Ks.
Cole Camp WOC, Mrs. Paul Balke, Cole Camp, Mo.
K. C., Mo. Bethlehem WOC, Mrs. J. C. Murphree, Box 58, R. 1, Parkville, Mo.
K. C., Mo. Afternoon, Mrs. Fred Durham, R. 12, K. C., Mo.
K. C., Mo. Ch. Mem. WMS, Mrs. Fred Allen, 3912 Bales, K. C., Mo.
K. C., Mo. St. Marks WMS, Mrs. Alice Covey, 220 West 54th, K. C., Mo.
K. C., Mo. A.D. Mrs. Ruth McKeon, 4016 Forest, K. C., Mo.
K. C., Kan., Trinity WMS, Mrs. Julius Comby, 2754 N. 22, K. C., Kan.
K. C., Kan. Phil., Mrs. Nettie Brockmeier, 1027 Cleveland, K. C., Kan.
Lancaster WMS, Mrs. Gerhard Sternsdorff, Huron, Kan.
Langdon WOC, Mrs. Herman Tiemeyer, Langdon, Mo.
Lawrence WMS, Mrs. Gene Burnett, 2200 Barker, Lawrence, Kan.
Lawrence Evg., Mrs. Byron Sneegas, 117 Pawnee., Lawrence, Kan.
Prairie Village WOC, Miss Elsie Schaefer, 4271 E. 60th Terrace, K. C. 30, Mo.
Prairie Village Evg., Mrs. E. B. Lucas, 6506 West 73rd, Overland Park, Kan.
Raytown WOC, Mrs. George Nilson, 4718 Blue Ridge, K. C., Mo.
Rockport MM, Mrs. Harold Boatman, Langdon, Mo.
Rock Port WMS, Mrs. Emil Tiemeyer, Tarkio, Mo.
Sedalia WOC, Mrs. Allan Telford, 1414 S. Carr, Sedalia, Mo.
St. Joseph WMS, Miss Emma Nelson, Eugene Field Apt., St. Joseph, Mo.
St. Joseph , Mrs. Fricke, 2903 Angelique, St. Joseph, Mo.
Sunrise Beach WOC, Mrs. Rita Butcher, White Swan Camp, Versailles, Mo.
Topeka WOC, Mrs. F. C. Honstead, 910 Douthitt, Topeka, Kan.
Topeka Evg., Mrs. Duane Skogen, 232 Harrison, Topeka, Kan.
Valley Falls Guild, Mrs. Harry Madorin, Valley Falls, Kan.

Western Conference

Abilene WOC, Mrs. H. C. Leonard, Jr., 105 N. E. 10th, Abilene, Kan.
Abilene Evg., Mrs. Lois Holzhausen, 1126 N. W. 2nd, Abilene, Kan.
Beloit WOC, Bernice Bruce, Beloit, Kan.
Chapman WMS, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Chapman, Kan.
Glasco WMS, Miss Sophie Horn, Glasco, Kan.
Greenleaf WMS, Mrs. L. D. Diedrichs, Greenleaf, Kan.
Hays WOC, Mrs. C. F. Wiest, 503 West 7th, Hays, Kan.
Marysville WOC, Mrs. Oscar Miller, R. 4, Marysville, Kan.
Mentor WMS, Mrs. Ebba Forsberg, Mentor, Kan.
New Cambria WOC, Mrs. Josephine Callebresi, New Cambria.
Salina WOC, Mrs. W. Carl Johnson, R. 1, Salina, Kan.
Salina Evg., Mrs. Mildred Kirkpatrick, 425 S. 10th, Salina, Kan.
Wakeeney WMS, Mrs. J. W. Gaither, Wakeeney, Kan.
Washington Good Shep., Miss Katherine Frochlick, Washington, Kan.
Washington St. Paul's, Miss Ruth Waterman, Washington, Kan.
Waterville Hebron, Mrs. Ida Mann, Waterville, Kan.
Waterville WMS, Miss Ada E. Livers, Waterville, Kan.
Wilson Exc. WMS, Mrs. Emma Hanzlick, Wilson, Kan.

Southern Conference

Emporia WOC, Miss Catharine Ellenberger, 416 Exchange, Emporia, Kan.
Emporia Evg., Mrs. W. E .Sellers, 801 Watson, Emporia, Kan.
Eureka Cotta, Mrs. Herbert Rockhill, Eureka, Kan.
Fort Smith WMS, Mrs. Jos. Gelzine, 4004 MacArthur Drive, Fort Smith, Ark.
Hutchinson WOC, Mrs. M. J. Wilson, 1501 No. Poplar, Hutchinson ,Kan.
Peabody WMS, Mrs. H. H. Wehry, Peabody, Kan.
Peabody MARTHA, Mrs. Fred Burdorf, Peabody, Kan.
Perth WOC, Mrs. Chas. Rerick, Milan, Kan.
Tulsa WOC, Mrs. Robert Gird, 1435 South Fulton, Tulsa, Okla.
Wellington WMS, Mrs. Thos. Frack, 123 N. Poplar, Wellington, Ks.
Wellington Fidelis, Miss Isabel Mickey, 420 W. 3rd, Wellington, Kan.
Wichita (Reformation) WOC, Mrs. Ben Blackburn, R. 4, Wichita, Kan.
Wichita St. Paul's WMS, Mrs. R. L. Tonsing, 1557 Arkansas, Wichita, Kan.
Wichita Miss. Daughters, Mrs. Ray Stromer, 1607 E. Harry, Wichita, Kan.

MINUTES

of

KANSAS SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD

of

The United Lutheran Church

May 17, 1953

The Kansas Synodical Brotherhood of Kansas and adjacent states met at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga on May 17th, 1953, President, Kenneth T. Anderson presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 P.M. at which time the Reverend Olney E. Eaton, of St. Marks Church in Emporia, Kansas, led the opening devotions.

Roll Call of churches—Secretarys report—Treasurers report. President Anderson then gave a brief report on the problem of camp improvements on which problem many men have worked hard and diligently in an attempt to satisfy the regulations of the department of health of the State of Kansas. He further stated that our immediate problem is and has been for some time, the acquisition of the portion of property directly bordering the camp proper on the North. The owner being unwilling to discuss the sale of this very much needed portion of land, we have become stymied in the project undertaken by the brotherhood for these needed improvemnts. It was further reported by the Reverend Tonsing of Topeka church, in this same connection of improvements, that in the face of the impending merger of the Nebraska and Mid-west synods with that of Kansas, that the future of the camp might well depend on the attitude of the then combined synods. Further that the proposed constitution provides for a camp committee for the control and operation of all camps that would then be in the new synodical group.

The matter of the state convention was discussed and Pastor Tonsing gave it as his opinion that we should set our convention date as though no merger would exist and then in the event such merger should take place, we would then be obliged to conform with whatever change would come about by reason of the new governing group.

S. Dee Shepard gave the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President—Paul Buskirk, Hutchinson, Kansas.

V-President—V. Olsen, Topeka, Kansas.

Secretary—Lyman O. Adams, Waterville, Kansas.

Treasurer—W. Moebus, Emporia, Kansas.

President Anderson called for further nominations from the con-

vention and none appearing, a motion was heard with proper second that the nominations cease and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unamious ballot for the four candidates. Motion carried.

Pastor Ritzen proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers.

With the proper motion and second, the meeting was adjourned for supper.

Meeting was re-convened at 6:30 P.M. at which time President Anderson introduced Rev. Walter H. Moeller of St. Johns Church, Salina, Kansas, who delivered the message of the evening. His topic "Implications of the Association of our Lord as effects our Brotherhood."

Offering amounted to $19.29.

8 Congregations were represented; 40 men being present.

Motion was heard and properly seconded that this convention be adjourned. Motion was carried and the May 17th, 1953 convention was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

W. Moebus, Acting Secretary.

CONGREGATION ROLL CALL

Emporia	10	
Hutchinson	9	
Salina	3	
Topeka	4	
Valley Falls	5	
Waterville	6	
Wellington	2	
Wichita	1	(Reformation) Church

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PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town and Congregation)	MEMBERSHIP — CHILD MEMBERS: Accessions: Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Losses: By Baptism	Otherwise	Total	Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	ADULT MEMBERS: Accessions: By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	By Restoration	Total	Losses: By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	PARISH EDUCATION Sunday Schools: Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Nursery Roll	PARISH EDUCATION W'k Day Schs.: Number	Teachers	Pupils	Chil ed Ch: Leaders	Pupils	Number of Catechumens	In Lutheran Seminaries	HIGHER: In Other Lutheran Institutions	In Non Lutheran Institutions	Index Number	SPECIAL STATISTICS Needed by the Parish and Church School Board: Index Number	Home Dep't. Staff	Nursery Roll Staff	Vacation Church Schools	Vacation Church School Teachers	Vacation Church School Pupils
1-1	Emporia — St. Mark's	496	270	206	6	1	7	4		4		8	3	5	11		19	5	4		9	1	15	108		45						8	1	1	4	1-1	1-1		1	1	6	42
2	Eureka — Christ's	255	202	125	3	4	7		1		60	61		7			7	4	4	50	58	1	9	60											2				1	12	35
3	Fort Smith — St. Luke's	276	195	91	8	3	11							7	3	3	13	2		1	3	1	17	69	5	18						9				3		1	1	1	7	24
4	Hutchinson — Zion	332	241	179	8	11	19	15		2		17	3	21	11		35	2	2		4	1	28	144								27		1	4	4			1	10	70
5	Peabody — St. Paul's	294	237	95	3	2	5	6		3		9		6	5		11	5	8		13	1	19	85	10	6						9			5	5	1	1	1	6	6
6	Perth — St. James	15	14	0																18	18														6					
7	Tulsa — First	674	496	350	20	27	47	5		7		12	1	17	34	9	61	1	18	2	21	1	36	251	20	63						39	1	1	15	7	7	1	2	1	13	73
8	Wellington — St. John'	194	144	90																		1	8	35											8	8					
9	Wichita — Reformation	117	79	79	16	23	39				1	1	6	12	57	10	85		1	5	6	1	6	36		4						14		1	2	9	9		1	1	4	31
10	Wichita — St. Paul's	1131	810	625	29	29	58	11		23		34	2	17	45	21	85	6	42	2	50	1	30	295		60						17		1	21	10	10		1	24	90
	1st Conference Totals	3784	2688	1840	93	100	193	41	1	39	61	142	15	92	166	43	316	25	79	78	182	9	168	1083	35	196						123	2	5	35			3	7	8	87	339
	Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference																																										
2-1	Atchison — St. Mark's	610	414	320	32	5	37	12	1	28		41	5	15	15		35	17	20		37	1	32	224	12	38	1	12	112			38		3	4	2-1	2-1	2	2	1	6	56
2	Bendena — St. John's	505	316	141	12		12							2			2	5	5		10	1	19	95	12	12								1	4	2	2	1	1	1	11	49
3	Cole Camp — United	146	115	87	1	2	3	6				6		8	4	5	17	2	6		8	1	12	60		5						8			1	3	3		1			
4	K. C. — Bethlehem United	290	167	135	18	26	44	2		8		10	5	9	26	5	45		16	10	26	1	13	125		42						9			1	4	4		1	2	5	48
5	K. C. — Children's Memorial	630	338	252	10	6	16	6		4		10	10	6	14	2	32	1	9	17	27	1	19	119		16						16		1		3	3		1	3	58
6	K. C. — St. Mark's	999	848	392	13	10	23	9						1	9	11	44	65	10	18		28	1	42	330		31					29			11	6	6		1	3	82
7	K. C. — Trinity	414	260	216	12	3	15			9		9	1	7	14		22	5	14		19	1	26	187	12	22				10	67	14		2	6	7	7	1	1	7	39
8	Lancaster — St. John's	278	199	80	3	3	11							1			1	1	5		6	1	16	102		13				1	33				1	3	3		1		
9	Langdon — St. Peter's	281	186	89	7		7	3						3	4	1	8	2			2	1	9	95		12						7			1	9	9		2		
10	Lawrence — Trinity	1085	769	512	20	15	35	20		7	13	40	10	30	15		55	6	23	25	54	1	32	355		62						30	1		26	10	10		4	1	12	130
11	Prairie Village — Faith	327	200	180	17	36	53	8			2	10	5	9	39	12	65		8	4	12	1	25	181		31	1	1	9			23			4	11	11		1		
12	Rockport — First	551	393	233	3		3	9				9		9	3		12	3	4		7	1	11	172		19						9				12	12		2	1	8	39
13	Sedalia — Trinity	238	167	64	4	3	7							3	7		10	2	3		5	1	8	36		7						3			3	13	13		1		
14	St. Joseph — First English	1243	1001	530	15	6	21	5		16		21	11	9	34	2	56	11	30	3	44	1	49	428	30	52				2	24	12			16	14	14	1	1		
15	Sunrise Beach — Kent Mem.	101	82	64	3	2	5	4				4	2	19	2		23					1	9	50								19			1	15	15				
16	Topeka — First	613	477	245	11	6	17			4		4	2	1	27		30	4	6	15	25	1	18	120		27						11	1		12	16	16		1		
17	Valley Falls — St. Paul's	239	151	90	3		3						4		2		6	1	2		3	1	10	90	3	15						10			5	17	17	1	1	1	4	40
	2nd Conference Totals	8550	6083	3630	189	123	312	84	1	76	19	180	60	138	216	70	484	70	169	74	313	17	350	2799	69	404	2	13	121	13	124	243	2	7	96			6	26	9	69	351
	Third — Western or Salina Conference																																										
3-1	Abilene — Trinity	343	267	206	8		8				5	5	3	4	2	1	10	2	8	20	30	1	18	120	15	40						15			2	3-1	3-1	1	4			
2	Beloit — Zion	408	282	207	19		19	5		1		6	5	5	12		22	3	2		5	1	13	96		35						23		3	5	2	2		1	1	6	40
3	Bunkerhill — Mt. Zion	27	9	6														3	4		7															3	3					
4	Chapman — Scherer Memorial	270	137	109	7		7	2				2	2	3	1		6	1			1	1	16	123	6	15						3			2	4	4	1	1	1	11	48
5	Glasco — St. Paul's	253	199	160	7		7		1	2	20	23	4	7	6		17	3	4	11	18	1	16	99	6	19	1	4	25			11			4	5	5	1	1	1	7	18
6	Greenleaf — Trinity	172	114	68	6	4	10	3		2		5	1	3	5		9		2		2	1	12	75		10						3			3	6	6		1		
7	Hays — Trinity	371	271	131	6		6	4		4	3	11		4	1	1	6	2	7	2	11	1	15	91		40						10			3	7	7		1		
8	Marysville — First	21	21	18																		1	1	15								3				3	3				
9	Mentor — St. Paul's	81	52	33	3		3												3		3	1	10	40		1						3		1	1	9	9				
10	New Cambria — Peace	119	60	28	6		6				2	2	3	1			4		2	2	4	1	6	67								12				10	10				
11	Norcatur — St. Mark's	84	40	20														3			3	1	6	19		2										11	11				
12	Salina — St. John's	1289	837	575	13	8	21	13		2		15	13	13	23	11	60	14	10	28	52	1	34	250	20	44						22	2	3	24	12	12	1	1	3	130
13	Wakeeney — Bethlehem	640	392	137	22	13	35	13		4		17	4	13	33		50	3	8	37	48	1	12	205		40						13			4	13	13		1	1	1	51
14	Washington — Good Shepherd	293	187	126	8	41	49	1				1	1	9	28		38	2			2	1	10	80								53	1		3	14	14		1	4	66
15	Washington — St. Paul's	34	30	16				1				1		1			1		1		1											1				15	15				
16	Waterville — St. Mark's	353	278	201	7		7			2		2		12	3		15	3	2	2	7	1	15	162		12						12		2		18	16	2			
17	Wilson — Excelsior	146	111	42	1	1	2								2		2		1		1	1	12	50		3										17	17				
	3rd Conference Totals	4904	3287	2083	113	67	180	42	1	17	30	90	36	75	116	13	240	39	52	102	193	15	198	1492	47	261	1	4	25			204	3	11	53			4	14	6	37	321
1951		16613	11706	7424	496	153	649	181	9	101	32	653	111	305	498	126	1040	134	300	254	688	41	714	5374	151	861	3	17	146	13	124	570	7	23	207	1952		13	47	23	193	1281
1952		17238	12058	7553	395	290	685	167	3	132	10	412	122	327	352	91	892	152	304	649	1105	41	673	5076	160	933	1	1	9	18	181	483	8	28	214	1951		13	50	23	152	1041
Inc.		625	352	129		137	36			31					146	35	148						41	298			2	16	137			87				Inc.					49	240
Dec.					101			14	6		32	241	11	22				18	4	395	417				9	72				5	57		1	5	7	Dec.			3			

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	CONGREGATION	When Organized	GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	COUNTY	Population	Pastor as of Dec. 31, 1952	Languages Used	MEMBERSHIP BAPT. Number of Members	BAPT. Net Gain	BAPT. Net Loss	CONF. Number of Members	CONF. Net Gain	CONF. Net Loss	COMMUN. Members Number of	COMMUN. Net Gain	COMMUN. Net Loss	Index Number
1-1	Emporia	St. Mark's	1884	Seventh & Constitution	Lyon	3	Olney E. Eaton	E	496	9		270	10		206	9		1-1
2	Eureka	Christ's	1873	319 N. Elm St.	Greenwood	4	A. L. Angersb'b	E	255		105	202		51	125		1	2
3	Ft. Smith, Ark	St. Luke's	1929	2420 Rogers Ave.	Sebastian	2	L. S. LaFont'ne	E	276	21		195	10		91	1		3
3	Hutchinson	Zion	1888	1015 N. Washington St.	Reno	2	H. G. Ritzen	E	332	33		241	31		179	17		4
5	Peabody	St. Paul's	1877	Sycamore & Division	Marion	5	Max H. Geissler	E	294		6	227		2	95			5
6	Perth	St. James	1877		Sumner	6	Vacant	E	15		18	14		18	0			6
7	Tulsa, Okla.	First	1909	324 W. Fifth	Tulsa	1	A. C. Larsen	E	674	75		496	40		350	1		7
8	Wellington	St. John's	1888	320 N. Jefferson	Sumner	4	Vacant	E	194			144			90			8
9	Wichita	Reformation	1952		Sedgwick	1	R. O. Scherch	E	117	117		79	79		79	79		9
10	Wichita	St. Paul's	1909	839 N. Market	Sedgwick	1	T. B. Peery	E	1131	59		810	35		625		10	10
							1st Conference		3784	185		2688	134		1840	102		

Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference

2-1	Atchison	St. Mark's	1868	6th & Park Sts.	Atchison	3	H. V. Baird	E	610		6	414		2	320	16		2-1
2	Bendena	St. John's	1913		Doniphan	6	W. B. Barthel	E	505	4		316		8	141		14	2
3	Cole Camp, Mo	United	1927		Benton	5	A. E. Schmidt	E	146	6		115	9		87	9		3
4	K. C., Mo.	Bethlehem	1948	Vivion Rd at N. Troost	Clay	1	Don H. Zinger	E	290	53		167	19		135		4	4
5	K. C., Mo.	Child. Memorial	1884	5001 Independence Ave.	Jackson	1	C. J. Naugle	E	630	11		338	5		252		3	5
6	K. C., Mo.	St. Mark's	1867	3800 Troost Ave.	Jackson	1	Harry E. Allen	E	999	47		848	37		392	6		6
7	K. C., Ks.	Trinity	1902	Ann Ave. & 17th St.	Wyandotte	1	W. W. Alex'der	E	414	9		260	3		216	3		7
8	Lancaster	St. John's	1905		Atchison	6	Vacant	E	278	6		199		5	80		19	8
9	Langdon, Mo.	St. Peter's	1871		Atchison	6	Vacant	E	281	10		186	6		89		3	9
10	Lawrence	Trinity	1867	13th & N. H. Sts.	Douglas	3	R. W. Albert	E	1085		4	769	1		512	30		10
11	Prairie Village	Faith	1950	67th & Roe Ave.	Johnson	3	W. F. Most	E	327	96		200	53		180	55		11
12	Rockport, Mo.	First	1858		Atchison	5	Vacant	E	551		1	393	5		233		11	12
13	Sedalia, Mo.	Trinity	1894	916 S. Osage	Pettis	3	A. E. Schmidt	E	238	12		167	5		64		13	13
14	St. Joseph, Mo.	First English	1894	Tenth & Charles Sts.	Buchanan	2	R. R. Frobenius	E	1243	12		1001	12		530		21	14
15	Sun. B'ch, Mo.	Kent Memorial	1951	Hiway 5 at Lake Rd 17	Camden	5	C. J. Hanson	E	101	24		82	23		64	5		15
16	Topeka	First	1867	434 Harrison St.	Shawnee	2	E. F. Tonsing	E	613	18		477	5		245	6		16
17	Valley Falls	St. Paul's	1857	701 Frazier Ave.	Jefferson	5	S. E. Frederick	E	239	6		151	3		90	9		17
							2nd Conference		8550	303		6083	171		3630	41		

Third — Western or [illegible]alina Conference

3-1	Abilene	Trinity	1870	Fourth & Cedar Sts.	Dick[illegible]son	4	F. Bergstr'er	E	343		17	267		20	206		17	3-1
2	Beloit	Zion	1868	7th & Mill Sts.	Mitc[illegible]ll	4	G. W. Eller	E	408	30		282	17		207	6		2
3	Bunkerhill	Mt. Zion	1872		Russ[illegible]	6	Vacant	E	27		7	9		7	6		4	3
4	Chapman	Scherer Memorial	1889	Broadway at Fifth St.	Dick[illegible]son	5	Vacant	E	270	10		137	5		109		9	4
5	Glasco	St. Paul's	1878		Clou[illegible]	5	E. L. Smith	E	253		17	199		1	160	5		5
6	Greenleaf	Trinity	1882		Was[illegible]ington	5	J. F. Shirck	E	172	12		114	7		68	5		6
7	Hays	Trinity	1878	1209 Fort St.	Ellis	4	G. L. Search	E	371		10	271		5	131		1	7
8	Marysville	First	1874	6 Mi W 1 Mi S, Marysville	Mar[illegible]ll	6	M. C. Ashley	E	21			21			18			8
9	Mentor	St. Paul's	1874	6½ Mi. E., Mentor	Sali[illegible]	5	A. A. Lermann	E	81			52		3	33		1	9
10	New Cambria	Peace	1875		Sali[illegible]	6	A. A. Lehmann	E	119	6		60	2		28	2		10
11	Norcatur	St. Mark's	1888		Dec[illegible]r	6	Vacant	E	84		3	40		3	20		1	11
12	Salina	St. John's	1873	302 S. 7th St.	Sali[illegible]	2	W. H. Moeller	E	1289	14		837	8		575	4		12
13	Wakeeney	Bethlehem	1905	317 N. 8th St.	Tre[illegible]	4	K. deFreese	E	640	20		392	2		137		2	13
14	Washington	Good Shepherd	1949		Was[illegible]gton	5	H. H. Bernh'dt	E	293	84		187	36		126	9		14
15	Washington	St. Paul's	1886	4 Mi. E. Washington	Was[illegible]gton	6	J. F. Shirck	E	84		1	30			16		2	15
16	Waterville	St. Mark's	1871		Mar[illegible]ll	5	M. C. Ashley	E	353	13		278	8		201		1	16
17	Wilson	Excelsior	1886	7 Mi E., 1 Mi N. Wilson	Ells[illegible]rth	6	S. Mog'nson (S)	E	146	3		111	1		42		7	17
							3d Conf. Totals		4904	137		3287	47		2083		14	

1952	Totals	Congregations—44					Pastors — 38		17238			12058			7553			1952
1951	Totals	Congregations—43					Pastors — 40		16613			11706			7424			1951
	Increase	1							625			352			129			Inc.
	Decrease						2											Dec.

PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

First — Southern or Wichita Conference

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Yo. People Number	Yo. People Members	VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	FINANCIAL Congrega. Expenses Current	Unusl	Total	CONGREGA. BENEVOLENCE UNAPPORTIONED Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Benevolence Other	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE UNAPPOR. Total	APPOR. Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
1-1	1	21	1	63			1	17	50000	7000		8000		65000		6725	198	6923	30	297	70	325	50	772	1925	1925	2697	9620	1-1
2	1	22	2	60	1	32			60000	5000				65000		5384	1413	6797	99	52	50	473	345	1022	1210	1210	2232	9029	2
3	1	11	1	16	1	19			60000	10000				70000	28245	3626	1301	4927		75		311	219	605	536	536	1463	6390	3
4	1	20	1	45			1	15	90000	12000			2000	104000		6185	1473	7658	20	659		49	527	1255	1845	2097	3352	12010	4
5	1	15	3	75			1	20	60000	6600				66600		5666	4617	10283		103	113	199	689	1104	1441	812	1916	12199	5
6									1500	800				2300											40	40	40		6
7	1	12	3	125	1	40	3	48	35000	27500			44775	107275	15000	13196	10431	23627	292		70	5	1099	1466	4045	4050	5516	29143	7
8			3	45					7500	4000	850			12350		3802		3802					141	141	880	703	844	4846	8
9	1	13	1	26			1	13		16350			21000	37350	33173	2753	1015	3768					212	212		757	969	4737	9
10	1	30	3	159	1	26	1	30	65000	25000	10000	10023	60234	170257		18151	1888	20039	1256	1182	1577	1296	4034	9345	6743	7134	16479	36518	10
Tot.	8	144	18	614	4	117	8	143	429000	114250	10850	18023	128009	700132	76418	65488	22336	87824	1697	2368	1880	2658	7319	15922	19931	19566	33488	123312	

Second — Eastern or Topeka Conference

2-1	1	12	3	75	2	40	2	44	50000	7000			1475	58475		10815	200	11015	518	215	270	430	122	1555	2230	2202	3787	14772	2-1
2	1	9	4	94	1	24	1	10	30000	3600		4000		37600		5160	77	5237	122	125			895	1142	1735	1314	2456	7693	2
3	1	10	2	26			1	10	20000	5000				25000		2883		2883	17	53		84	398	552	913	914	1466	4349	3
4	1	20	1	34			1	12	48600	8600				57200	44245	4167	3614	7781			10		71	81	990	450	531	8312	4
5	1	14	3	90	1	27	1	12	60000	10000			5000	75000		11625	2500	14125	170	295	205	291	1304	2265	2530	2950	3215	19340	5
6	1	47	8	239	3	87	4	94	200000	20000	100000			320000	4600	23219	9610	32829	60	461	155	359	1668	2703	4125	3932	6635	39464	6
7	1	16	3	72	1	42	1	12	100000	20000				120000	19900	11693	1636	13329	70	525		172	419	1166	2321	2331	3517	16846	7
8			2	50					8000	5000				13000		3647		3647		40	20	110	466	636	1133	622	1258	4905	8
9			1	29			1	18	12000					12000		3144	8	3152	59	35	15	162	657	928	1155	1155	2083	5235	9
10	1	40	5	235	1	60	4	120	201000	17024			1822	219846	500	15384	3347	18731	25	852	360	355	1577	3169	5335	5645	8814	27548	10
11	1	45	3	65	1	35	1	25	5308	18500			23047	46855	27560	5776	13351	19127	64	4	407	30	305	810		1377	2187	21314	11
12	1		2	42			1	16	20000	8000			1747	29747		3370		3370					25	25	2486	1081	1106	4476	12
13			1	25					12000	4000				16000	8000	3496	2700	6196	26				235	261	924	532	793	6989	13
14	1	28	6	267	3	104	2	36	220358	15337		400	20090	256185	7800	19909	2492	22401	277	300		153	2396	3126	5907	5144	8270	30671	14
15			1	45					30000	6000			953	36953	15400	2448	3628	6076				376	24	400		174	574	6650	15
16	1	15	1	95	2	42	1	14	24450	7000				31450	2300	9137	1698	10835	326	461	150	155	1001	2103	2420	2468	4571	15406	16
17	1	25	2	60	1	22	1	10	25000	8000		500		33500		4023	721	4744	49	10	60	10	149	278	748	748	1026	5770	17
Tot.	12	281	48	1523	16	483	22	441	1066716	163061	100000	4900	54134	1388811	130305	139896	45582	185478	1793	3376	1652	2687	11712	21220	34925	33039	54239	239737	

Third — Western or Salina Conference

3-1	1	20	3	100			1	25	54000	10000		1000		65000		5429	957	6386	285	265		35	400	985	2387	2000	2985	9871	3-1
2			2	40	1	45	1	15	6000	3000	3000		2950	14950		4777	53	4824		85		46	596	727	1518	1126	1853	6877	2
3			1	12					2500	1500				4000		929		929							154			329	3
4			2	100					66000	6000		2700		74700	1300	4233	1298	5531	6	10	20		425	461	825	825	1286	6817	4
5	1	19	2	65	1	40	1	8	72000	5000				77000	12500	7643	2000	9643	35	177	30	54	234	530	1474	1474	2004	11647	5
6			2	39			2	30	12500	750			1020	14270		2353	648	3000	60	173		97	237	567	583	595	1162	4162	6
7			3	72					50000	8000			900	58900	480	6033	8444	14482		15	20		407	442	1584	1022	1464	15948	7
8	1	6	1	12					2500					2500		472		472				18	34	52	209	119	171	643	8
9			2	27			1	15	12000					12000		1594	143	1738					24	24	385	61	85	1323	9
10			2	30					15000	6000			3570	24570		1307	954	2261					6	6	264	40	46	2307	10
11			1	25					1500	500				2000		60	206	811					70	70	220	221	291	1102	11
12			1	150	1	40	3	73	75000	7500		3400		85900		20077	7407	27479	40	166	90	399	2289	2984	5731	5731	8715	36194	12
13			3	82	1	28	1	29	65000	5500				70500	5595	6427	1442	7871	585	399	104	27	60	1175	1507	1322	2497	10368	13
14	1	12	2	50						12000			4000	16000	7306	3853		3853	142		40		100	282	1265	1265	1847	5400	14
15			1	8					3000	750				3750		611	14	627		76			15	91	165		91	713	15
16	1	51	3	125	1	12	3	36	26000	5000	5300		200	36500	2500	4933	27399	32332	10			6	235	251	1826	1295	1846	33878	16
17			1	20					3000					3000		1423	202	1631		45		102	308	455	638	638	1093	2724	17
Tot.	5	108	32	957	5	165	13	231	466000	71500	8300	7100	12640	565540	29681	72705	51167	123870	1163	1411	304	784	5440	9102	20735	17734	26836	150704	
1952	25	533	98	3094	25	765	43	815	1961716	348811	119150	30023	194783	2654483	236404	278083	190857	397172	4653	7155	3836	6129	24471	46244	74591	70339	116583	513755	1952
1951	24	601	91	2876	22	724	39	708	1844462	316309	39150	27276	162881	2390028	173771	246538	86538	333076	14565	6611	2483	5947	22315	51921	59862	58011	109932	443008	1951
Inc.	1		7	218	3	41	4	107	117254	32502	80000	2747	31952	264455	62633	31545	104319	64096		544	1353	182	2156		14729	12328	6681	70747	Inc.
Dec.		68																	9912					5677					Dec.

CONGREGATIONAL LEDGER REPORT — 1952

CONGREGATIONS	APPORTIONED BENEVOLENCES					LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION				
	Quota	Paid	% Pd.	Deficit	Over	Quota	Paid	% Pd.	Deficit	Over
Abilene, Trinity	$ 2387.00	$ 2000.00	83.7	$ 387.00	$	381.92	100.00	31.4	281.92	
Atchison, St. Mark's	2200.00	2202.41	100.1		2.41	352.00	122.50	34.8	229.50	
Beloit, Zion	1518.00	1126.43	74.2	391.57		242.88	264.55	109.3		21.67
Bendena, St. John's	1738.00	1314.24	75.6	423.76		278.08	278.40	100.1		0.32
Bunkerhill, Mt. Zion	154.00		.0	154.00		24.64		.0	24.64	
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	825.00	825.00	100.0			132.00	132.00	100.0		
Cole Camp, United	913.00	913.60	100.0		0.60	146.08	146.08	100.0		
Emporia, St. Mark's	1925.00	1925.00	100.0			308.00	308.00	100.0		
Eureka, Christ's	1210.00	1210.00	100.0			193.60	193.60	100.0		
Ft. Smith, St. Luke's	836.00	838.25	100.2		2.25	133.76	72.15	54.2	61.61	
Glasco, St. Paul's	1474.00	1474.00	100.0			235.84	199.25	46.4	36.59	
Greenleaf, Trinity	583.00	595.31	102.1		12.31	93.28	193.99	208.5		100.71
Hays, Trinity	1584.00	1022.06	64.5	561.94		253.84	112.00	44.2	141.44	
Hutchinson, Zion	1848.00	2097.13	113.4		249.13	295.68	314.97	106.7		19.29
K. C., Bethlehem	990.00	450.00	45.4	540.00		158.40	55.00	34.8	103.40	
K. C., Children's Memorial	2530.00	2950.00	116.6		420.00	404.80	676.11	167.3		271.31
K. C., St. Mark's	4125.00	3931.88	95.3	193.12		660.00	1055.35	159.9		395.35
K. C., Trinity	2321.00	2331.12	100.4		10.12	371.36	419.37	113.0		48.01
Lancaster, St. John's	1133.00	622.00	54.8	511.00		181.28	5.00	2.7	176.28	
Langdon, St. Peter's	1155.00	1155.00	100.0			184.80		.0	184.80	
Lawrence, Trinity	5335.00	5645.00	105.8		310.00	853.60	1019.63	106.9		166.03
Marysville, First	209.00	119.00	56.9	90.00		33.44	33.47	100.0		0.03
Mentor, St. Paul's	385.00	60.84	15.8	324.16		61.60		.0	61.60	
New Cambria, Peace	264.00	40.28	15.2	224.72		42.24		.0	42.24	
Norcatur, St. Mark's	220.00	221.00	100.4		1.00	35.20	35.25	100.0		0.05
Peabody, St. Paul's	1441.00	811.75	56.3	629.25		230.56	257.15	111.5		26.59
Perth, St. James		40.00			40.00					
Prairie Village, Faith		1377.00			1377.00		305.00			305.00
Rockport, First	2486.00	1081.00	43.4	1405.00		397.76	25.00	6.2	372.76	
Salina, St. John's	5731.00	5731.00	100.0			916.76	1002.79	109.4		86.03
Sedalia, Trinity	924.00	532.45	57.6	392.55		147.84	147.10	99.5	0.74	
St. Joseph, First	5907.00	5144.19	87.0	736.81		945.12	948.30	100.3		3.18
Sunrise Beach, Kent Memorial		174.08			174.08					
Topeka, First	2420.00	2468.37	102.0		48.37	387.20	454.08	117.3		66.88
Tulsa, First	4048.00	4050.00	100.0		2.00	647.68	445.00	68.7	202.68	
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	748.00	748.20	100.0		0.20	119.68	122.00	102.5		12.32
Wakeeney, Bethlehem	1507.00	1322.21	87.7	184.79		202.40	50.00	20.7	191.12	
Washington, Good Shepherd	1265.00	1265.00	100.0			202.40	100.00	49.5	102.40	
Washington, St. Paul's	165.00		.0	165.00		26.40	15.00	57.6	11.40	
Waterville, St. Mark's	1826.00	1294.88	70.9	531.12		292.16	235.22	80.5	56.94	
Wellington, St. John's	880.00	702.85	79.8	178.15		140.80	141.00	100.0		0.20
Wichita, Reformation		756.94			756.94		38.29			38.29
Wichita, St. Paul's	6743.00	7134.00	105.7		391.00	1078.88	1089.00	101.0		10.12
Wilson, Excelsior	638.00	637.72	99.9	0.28		102.08	102.80	100.7		0.72
Miscellaneous		10.00								
		$70351.19	99.4				$11124.40	93.2		
Short of quota by		4249.81					747.16			

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
Women's Missionary Society — Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States of U.L.C.A.

Year 1952 Church and Society	Thank Offering	Gen. Fund and L. Schwab Fund	Synod Fund & Mid'd Scholar.	Patron & Protege	Life Membership	In Mem. and Transferral	Special Aids	Tabitha Home	Miscel.	Totals
Abilene, W.O.C.	$ 119.98	$ 117.32	$ 23.60	$ 50.00	$ 20.00	$ 15.00	$ 10.00	$ ___	$ ___	$ 355.90
Atchison, W.M.S.	118.30	91.48	25.00	25.00	10.00	___	5.00	___	___	274.78
Atchison Missionites	27.60	24.40	9.80	40.00	20.00	___	___	___	5.00	126.80
Beloit W.M.S.	151.41	90.00	2.00	80.00	___	___	5.00	___	___	328.41
Bendena W.M.S., Circle No. 1	68.00	99.50	16.00	60.00	20.00	___	20.00	___	___	283.50
Bendena W.M.S. Circle No. 2	39.59	40.72	___	35.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	25.00	___	175.31
Bendena Moray Soc.	39.00	36.00	10.00	___	10.00	___	___	___	___	95.00
Chapman W.M.S.	64.81	40.20	14.29	___	10.00	___	14.76	___	___	144.06
Cole Camp W.M.S.	129.78	32.73	6.55	___	30.00	___	8.00	___	5.00	212.06
Emporia W.O.C.	107.60	69.20	___	25.00	20.00	50.00	20.00	___	___	291.80
Eureka, Cotta Soc.	85.26	40.70	___	___	40.00	___	10.00	___	___	175.96
Ft. Smith W.M.S.	54.40	44.35	8.00	60.00	30.00	___	6.00	___	10.00	212.75
Glasco, W.M.S.	34.00	28.47	5.93	40.00	___	___	5.00	___	___	113.40
Greenleaf, W.M.S.	80.90	47.23	14.95	85.00	30.00	___	10.00	___	5.00	273.08
Hays, W.M.S.	93.95	14.00	2.00	25.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	___	___	164.95
Hutchinson, W.O.C.	200.39	143.53	25.32	250.00	20.00	___	5.00	36.90	___	681.14
K. C., Kan., W.M.S.	90.19	54.52	16.79	___	20.00	40.00	15.72	___	___	237.22
K. C., Kan., Philadora	113.29	85.73	5.00	___	10.00	___	11.00	___	___	225.02
K. C., Mo. Childrens Mem. W.M.S.	267.40	39.27	13.10	100.00	50.00	25.00	5.00	___	___	499.77
K. C., Mo. St. Mark's W.M.S.	146.00	148.00	26.00	170.00	30.00	___	20.00	___	10.00	550.00
K. C., Mo. St. Mark's Kings Daughters	84.68	90.24	18.99	40.00	10.00	___	35.00	___	___	278.91
Lancaster, W.M.S.	156.86	57.00	7.60	75.00	___	15.00	5.00	___	___	316.46
Langdon, W.M.S.	149.63	43.94	9.70	___	30.00	15.00	___	___	___	248.27
Lawrence, W.M.S.	289.00	163.50	59.25	140.00	90.00	25.00	10.00	___	8.00	784.75
Marysville, W.O.C.	20.86	6.22	1.31	___	___	___	___	___	___	28.39
Mentor, W.M.S.	41.75	___	1.00	___	___	___	___	___	___	42.75
New Cambria, W.M.S.	8.25	27.00	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	35.25
No. K. C., Mo. W.M.S.	44.15	56.58	6.40	___	___	___	8.00	___	___	[illegible]
Peabody W.M.S.	105.00	33.22	___	50.00	20.00	___	5.00	___	___	213.22
Peabody Martha Soc.	101.19	51.53	10.79	40.00	___	___	14.94	20.00	___	238.45
Perth, Federated Miss. Soc.	31.05	33.67	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	64.72
Prairie Village, W.O.C.	131.80	56.61	56.61	___	30.00	___	5.00	___	___	280.02
Rock Port W.M.S.	108.29	47.39	9.97	200.00	10.00	___	3.00	___	___	378.65
Rock Port Mary and Martha Circle	47.39	21.55	4.53	100.00	___	___	___	___	___	173.47
Salina W.O.C.	487.16	214.60	53.86	105.00	30.00	40.00	10.00	___	___	940.62
Sedalia W.O.C.	5.70	21.20	2.35	___	___	___	___	___	___	29.25
St. Joseph W.M.S.	304.66	141.39	4.00	200.00	30.00	___	8.00	___	___	688.05
Sunrise Beach W.O.C.	40.07	4.86	___	___	___	___	1.00	___	___	45.93
Topeka W.O.C.	246.66	89.54	115.53	25.00	40.00	___	31.00	___	___	547.73
Tulsa, Women's Guild	249.90	124.78	35.50	10.00	20.00	___	8.75	___	___	448.93
Valley Falls Mission Guild	91.90	53.00	5.00	5.00	50.00	___	10.00	___	___	214.90
Wakeeney WMS	136.17	50.22	20.35	75.00	30.00	___	10.00	___	___	321.74
Washington, Good Shephard W.M.S.	60.36	22.31	5.58	___	30.00	___	2.50	___	___	120.75
Washington St. Paul's WMS	43.00	14.93	1.26	___	10.00	___	2.00	___	___	71.19
Waterville W.M.S.	25.80	19.04	5.38	25.00	___	___	5.00	___	___	80.22
Waterville Hebron Soc.	9.00	25.00	13.00	___	___	___	3.00	___	___	50.00
Wellington W.M.S.	57.97	___	10.00	___	20.00	___	8.00	___	___	95.97
Wellington Fidelis	26.39	7.40	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	33.79
Wichita, Reformation W.O.C.	22.05	11.20	5.60	___	___	___	10.00	___	___	48.85
Wichita St. Paul's WMS	654.82	180.96	45.80	200.00	60.00	40.00	20.00	73.00	31.56	1,306.14
Wichita St. Paul's Mission Daughters	379.72	181.14	36.00	250.00	60.00	40.00	15.00	120.00	___	1,081.86
Wilson W.M.S.	156.86	36.12	12.05	25.00	___	___	20.00	___	___	250.03
Eastern Conference	___	___	23.00	___	___	___	15.00	___	25.00	63.00
Southern Conference	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	35.00	35.00
Western Conference	___	___	20.22	___	___	___	___	___	25.00	45.22
Anonymous Offerings	___	___	2.00	___	___	___	1.50	___	___	3.50
Convention Offerings and Home Missions	___	___	116.65	___	___	___	___	___	137.00	253.65
Total Receipts	$6,349.97	$3,172.29	$ 943.61	$2,610.00	$960.00	$335.00	$449.17	$274.90	$296.56	$ 15,391.50
Bal forward from 1951	___	___	754.79	___	___	___	.40	___	___	810.38
Disbursements	6,349.97	3,172.29	798.82	2,610.00	960.00	335.00	449.57	274.90	296.56	15,253.61
Bal. Forward to 1953	___	___	899.58	___	___	___	___	___	___	948.27

INCLUDED IN TOTALS — Tabitha Home, Boys bed, Hutchinson, WOC $36.-90; disbursements $36.90.

Sister Florence Bechtold, Virgin Islands, Christmas Gift, St. Smith, W.M.-S. $10.00; disbursements $10.00.

Lillith Schwab, India, Christmas Gift, Cole Camp, W.M.S. $5.00; Greenleaf W.-M.S. $5.00; Southern Conference $10.-00; Total: $20.00; disbursed $20.00.

Blocks for Phoebe Hospital, Wichita, St. Paul's W.M.S. $31.56; disbursement $31.56.

Kodai Kanal Sale, India, Atchison, Missionites $5.00; K. C., Mo., St. Mark's W.M.S. $10.00; Lawrence W.M.S. $5.00, total $20.00; disbursed $20.00.

Amelia D. Kemp Mem. Fund. Eastern Conference $25.00; Southern Conference $25.00; Western Conference $25.00, total, $75.00; disbursed $75.00.

OTHER TOTALS—Promotional Fund — Total Receipts: None. Balance forward from 1951, $55.19; Disbursements: $6.50; Balance forward to 1953: $48.69.

We have this date Feb. 5, 1953, audited the books of the Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society, and find the balance as of Jan. 1, 1953 $948.27 correct.

Mrs. Thomas McCarty
Mrs. E. P. Boersch

STATISTICAL REPORT
Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America
For the Statistical Year Ending Dec. 31, 1952
Third — Western or Salina Conference

FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE				MEMBERSHIP							EDUCATION DIVISION																World Day of Prayer	Pro. Mat.	PROMOTION DIV.			DIV. SPEC. GIFTS		Special Aids	
											MISSION STUDY								Wk. of Prayer		L.W.W.	Programs							Outreach to Non-Mem's.			Thank Offering		
Women in Cong. over 18	No. Congs. Having W.M.S.	No. Congs. in Conf. or Synod	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	No. Societies Organ. Before Jan. 1st	No. Societies Organ Since Jan. 1st	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	No. Members Under 35 Years of Age	No. New Members Last Year	No. Members: Students	No. Members: Homemakers	No. Members: Bus. & Prof.	No. Study Groups: Home Theme	No. Study Groups: Foreign Theme	No. Persons Attend. Home Theme Class.	No. Persons Attend. For. Theme Classes	No. of Groups: Home Theme:	No. of Groups: Foreign Theme	No. of Pers. Attend Home Theme Group	No. of Pers. Attend. For. Theme Groups	No. Pers. Compl. the Reading Course	No. Socs. Observ. Week of Prayer	No. Meetings Held	No. Soc. us. pro. is. by Ed. Div. WMS	No. Subs. to Luth. Woman's Work	No. Soc. Using Monthly Programs	No. Socs. Using Program Booklets	No. Soc. Par. W'ld Day of Pray. Ser.	No. Mems. Using Day Dev. Materials	No. Soc. Us. Unl. Organiz. Plan	No. Soc. Attended by Non-Members	No. Soc. Plan. Mtgs. for Non-Mbs.	No. Soc. Pers. Inv. Non-Members	No. Public Thank Offering Services	No. Soc. Sending Quar. Thank Offer.	No. Soc. Having Incr. Thank Offer.	No. Box. sent to Home Missions	No. Boxes Sent to Foreign Missions
150	1	1	Abilene, W.O.C.	1		34		2		32	2										1	5	1	34	1		1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1		2
94	1	1	Beloit, W.O.C.	1		20	5			20														21	1		1	20	1		1	1	1	1		
62	1	1	Chapman, W.M.S.	1		16	1			16		1	1	13	12		2	1						12	1		1	16		1	1	1	1	1		1
100	1	1	Glasco, W.M.S.	1		13				6	7										1	1	1	10	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1		2
51	1	1	Greenleaf, W.M.S.	1		27	3	7		27											1	5	1	15	1	1	1	10		1	1	1	1			
68	1	1	Hays, W.M.S.	1		15				15											1	5	1	14	1		1	15		1	1	1	1	2		
10	1	1	Marysville, W.O.C.		1	10	2			10															1	1			1						
17	1	1	Mentor, W.M.S.		1	10	3	1		10											1			1	1	1					1	1	1	1		
	1	1	New Cambria, W.O.C.	1																															
400	1	1	Salina, W.O.C.	1		70		15		50	20	5	1	20	20	2	1	20	15	10	1	5	1	45	1		1	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
147	1	1	Wakeeney, W.M.S.	1		37	3	1		32	5													21	1		1			1	1	1	1	11	1
85	1	1	Washington, Good Shepherd, W.O.C.	1		18	3	1		14	4													13	1		1	12	1			1			
	1	1	Washington, St. Paul, W.M.S.	1		8				8														4	1			8				1			
123	1	1	Waterville, W.M.S.	1		15	1			13	2						1		14					19	1		1	8		1		1	1		
			Waterville, Hebron	1		20	4			20											1	1	1	19	1		1			1		1	1		
36	1	1	Wilson, Excelsior, W.M.S.	1		20	6	1		20														20	1		1					1	1		2
1335	15	15	TOTALS	14	2	333	36	28		293	40	6	2	33	32	4	3	20	29	10	7	22	6	263	15	3	12	176	5	10	8	13	9	13	8	18	3
1213	10	10	Southern Conference	12	1	403	88	27		368	35	1	3	20	30	5	4	104	18	17	5	23	5	238	11	3	12	309	6	9	10	12	10	12	10	9	15
2405	17	17	Eastern Conference	20	3	782	151	111	2	669	111	7	8	173	180	8	7	158	145	36	10	22	3	360	21	2	16	393	6	19	17	21	18	18	15	23	16
1335	15	15	Western Conference	14	2	333	36	28		293	40	6	2	33	32	4	3	20	29	10	7	22	6	263	15	3	12	176	5	10	8	13	9	13	8	18	3
4953	42	42	TOTALS	46	6	1518	275	166	2	1330	186	14	13	226	242	17	14	282	192	63	22	67	19	861	47	8	40	872	17	38	35	46	37	43	33	55	39

Patron and Protege—No. Native Workers Supported, 16; No. Scholarships, 31; No. Old People, Orphans and Babies Supported, 10. Life Membership and "In Memoriam"—No. Life Members Last Year, 96; No. In Memoriam Last Year, 8; No. Transferrals Last Year, 9.
Women Students From Congregation—In Lutheran Institutions, 9. In Non-Lutheran Institutions, 119. Nurses in Training, No Information.

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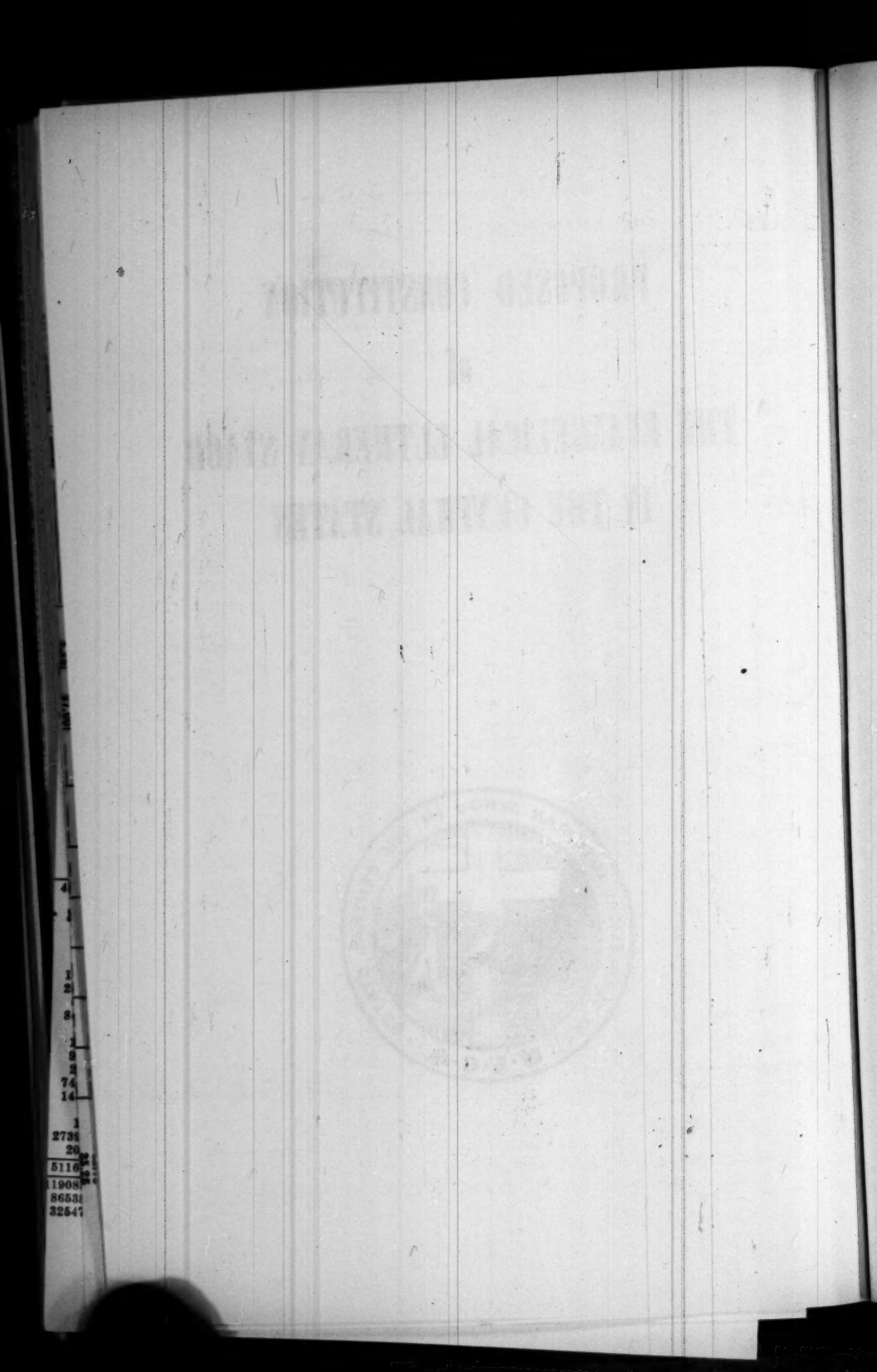
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

of

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES



PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

ARTICLE ONE
THE SYNOD

Section I. The Name and Territory

The name and title of the church body organized under this constitution shall be The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States. The territory of this Synod shall be the States of Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and that portion of the State of Missouri which lies west of the ninety-second principal meridian.

Section II—The Doctrinal Basis

1. This Synod receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

2. This Synod accepts the three ecumenical creeds — namely, the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian — as important testimonies drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.

3. This Synod receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of Evangelical Lutheran.

4. This Synod recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, as in the harmony of one and the same pure scriptural faith.

Section III—The Membership

1. This Synod shall consist of ordained ministers and congregations in unity with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II, received into membership as hereinafter provided.

2. Any Evangelical Lutheran minister who has applied for admission and has accepted this constitution with its doctrinal basis, and whose application has the approval of the examining committee, may be received into membership in the manner hereinafter provided.

3. Other ministerial members may be received by ordination, transfer, or as hereinafter provided.

4. Any congregation located within the limits of the territory of

this Synod as defined in this constitution may, upon approval of the executive committee, be received into membership by a majority vote at any regular convention.

Section IV—Object, Duties, and Powers

In accordance with the doctrinal basis set forth in Section II of this article, and in full accord with the Constitution of The United Lutheran Church in America, this body recognizes that all power in the church belongs to our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church; and all just duties and powers exercised by the church are committed to her for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and the Sacraments. Therefore this body is organized:

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 5:5), (Augsburg Confession Article VII);

2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:2-16; I Cor. 1:10); to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17); and to strengthen the congregations in faith, confession, and the promotion of the Kingdom of God;

3. To give outward expression of the spiritual unity of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations, to cultivate co-operation in promoting the general interests of the church, and to develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principles and practises and make their strength effective;

4. To establish new congregations;

5. To awaken, co-ordinate, and effectively direct and supervise the united energies of the congregations in such operations as the following:

(a) The training of ministers and teachers to be witnesses of the Word; and the upbuilding, maintenance, and strengthening of institutions for such training;

(b) The exension of the Kingdom of God by the support of home, foreign, and social missions, under the administration and functions of The United Lutheran Church in America;

(c) The cultivation of worship in the congregation and family in keeping with the practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, unto the edification of the Body of Christ;

(d) The creation and development of agencies to carry on all departments of work in co-operation with the boards, committees, and agencies of The United Lutheran Church in America:

(e) The establishment and maintenance of Christian colleges and a ministry to students in other institutions of higher education.

6. To encourage the attainment of higher levels of Christian giving and to solicit and disburse funds for the purposes of the work defined in this constitution;

7. To ordain qualified men to the holy office of the ministry of the Gospel; and to suspend and depose those who dishonor it by false teaching, by insubordination, or by an unworthy or wicked life;

8. To shepherd the congregations and pastors by helping in time of difficulty, trouble, and strife, and by general assistance;

9. To maintain discipline and to foster holiness and fidelity in ministers and congregations;

10. To maintain a loyal connection and relation with The United Lutheran Church in America and all its interests and obligations.

ARTICLE TWO

CONVENTIONS

1. A regular convention of the Synod shall be held annually at the time specified in the by-laws.

2. Special conventions shall be called by the president upon the request of the executive committee or the written request of one-fifth of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted at a special convention except that specified in the call.

3. One-third of the ministers belonging to this Synod, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

4. Notice of the time and place of all conventions shall be given by the secretary.

ARTICLE THREE

OFFICERS

Section I—The Officers

1. The officers of the Synod shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be elected at regular conventions of the Synod. The president and secretary shall be ministers.

2. The term of office of the president and other full time officers shall be five years; that of other officers, one year. All shall serve until their successors assume office. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

3. Should a vacancy occur in any of these offices, the executive committee is empowered to fill the same until the next regular convention of the Synod, or, at its discretion, it may call a special convention of Synod to fill the vacancy.

4. No one shall be eligible for election as an officer of the Synod, or for any other full-time service of the Synod, after he has reached the age of sixty-eight.

5. The officers shall be entitled to receive the necessary expenses incident to the duties imposed by their office, and such remuneration as the Synod may determine.

6. The proper officers of Synod are duly empowered and authorized, in the name of the Synod, to satisfy of record any mortgage, judgments, notes, or other recorded evidences of indebtedness, in such manner as may be provided by law. In conjunction therewith the treasurer shall be empowered and authorized, in the name of the Synod, to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, judgments, notes, or other recorded evidences of indebtedness.

Section II—The President

1. The term of office of the president shall begin on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. He shall exercise supervision over all ministers and congregations of the Synod, and over all agencies created by the Synod for the prosecution of the general work of the church.

3. He shall preside at all conventions of the Synod and at all meetings of ministerial session and of the executive committee; and it shall be his duty to see that the constitution, by-laws, and decisions of the Synod are duly observed and its resolutions carried into effect. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for.

4. He shall visit the congregations belonging to the Synod, and confer and advise with the people concerning their spiritual and temporal welfare; and he shall counsel with the ministers as their pastor.

5. He shall ordain all accepted candidates for the ministerial office, and install the pastors of all congregations belonging to the Synod, or provide for and authorize their ordination and installation as the Synod may prescribe in its by-laws.

6. When the execution of deeds or other instruments of writing is ordered by the Synod, or required by this constitution, or becomes proper and necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, the president is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to sign the same and to affix the seal of the Synod.

7. He shall preserve in the offices of the Synod, or deliver to the archivist, all important documents left in his hands as president, together with copies of all official papers or documents issued and published by him, by the officers of the Synod, or by the executive committee.

8. He shall submit annually to the Synod a report of all his official acts, except matters of a private character, together with such other information and recommendations as he may deem of importance.

Section III—The Secretary

1. There shall be a secretary of Synod as a corporation. He shall enter upon his duties on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The secretary shall keep all official minutes of the Synod and also the minutes of the executive committee. He shall be responsible for the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Synod, and shall perform other duties which the Synod may from time to time lay upon him.

3. The secretary shall prepare and keep a correct register of the ministers belonging to the Synod, with the dates of their entrance into the ministry and places of residence; also a similar register of the congregations and parishes connected with the Synod, with the names of the pastors serving them and of the lay delegates appointed to represent them.

4. The secretary is authorized and empowered, in the name of the Synod, to attest all instruments of writing ordered by the Synod or required by the constitution or necessary in carrying on the business of the corporation, and signed and sealed by the president.

Section IV—The Treasurer

1. The term of office of the treasurer shall begin on the first day of the third month succeeding the month of his election.

2. The treasurer shall have charge of all monies and accounts of the Synod, its deeds, mortgages, contracts, and evidences of claims and revenues. He shall also have charge of its trust funds, holding the same at all times subject to the order of the Synod, except such trust funds as the Synod may specifically commit to other agents.

3. The treasurer shall receive and acknowledge all offerings, contributions, and legacies made to the Synod, collect all interest and income from invested funds in his charge, and pay all appropriations and orders of the Synod from the several accounts as approved and directed by the executive committee.

4. The treasurer shall keep a regular account with each congregation of Synod. At least quarterly during the synodical year he shall inform the council and the pastor of each congregation of the state of this account, and prepare and submit at each regular convention of Synod a tabular statement of such accounts for record and publication.

5. Upon action by the executive committee, the treasurer shall make, change, or renew investments of funds owned or held in trust by the Synod; and he is duly empowered, constituted, and authorized as the attorney in fact for the Synod to satisfy, of record any mortgages, judgments, notes, or recorded evidences of indebted-

ness and to assign and transfer any policies of insurance or other securities that may be held as collateral to such mortgages, loans, or judgments.

6. He shall deposit promptly all monies received for any account of the Synod in such bank or banks as may be designated by the executive committee

7. On entering upon his office, he shall give satisfactory bond to the Synod for the faithful performance of his duties, in such amount as the executive committee shall determine, which bond shall be in the custody of the president.

8. At each regular convention he shall render a full, detailed, and accurate report to the Synod of all receipts and disbursements in his several accounts, with a statement of the financial condition of the Synod and its apportioned obligation to The United Lutheran Church in America, which report shall be regularly audited and certified.

ARTICLE FOUR

THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

1. The ordained members of the Synod shall constitute the ministerial session.

2. To the ministerial session shall belong the duty of passing upon and reporting to the Synod all applications for ordination or reception of ministers recommended by the examining committee; of examining and trying cases of heresy in doctrine, or of teaching and preaching in conflict with the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II; of hearing and trying cases in which appeal is granted by the Synod from the findings of a committee on discipline; and of transacting such other business as the Synod may refer to it.

3. A regular meeting of the ministerial session shall be held in connection with the regular convention of the Synod, when the examining committee is prepared to report its recommendations in the matter of applicants for ordination or membership. Other meetings may be called by the president.

4. The ministerial session shall be subject to the rules of order governing a regular synodical convention. One-third of the ministers belonging to the Synod shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE FIVE

THE CONFERENCES

1. District conferences shall be constituted of ministers and congregations of the Synod located within a given territory, as determined from time to time by the Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each conference to promote the inter-

ests and development of the church upon its territory; to assist in carrying out the regulations and resolutions of the Synod; to attend to such other duties within its territory as may be assigned to it by the Synod.

3. Each conference shall appoint a stewardship committee to co-operate with the stewardship committee and/or stewardship secretary of the Synod.

4. Every pastor and congregation belonging to the Synod and residing or being located within the bounds of a conference shall by that fact belong to the conference. Ordained ministers of the Synod, not actively serving pastorates shall be assigned conference connections by the president of the Synod. If a pastoral charge does not lie wholly within the boundary lines of a single conference, the place where the pastor resides shall determine his own conference connection and the conference connection of his pastoral charge.

5. Each conference shall meet at least twice each year and as many more times as circumstances may require. Special meetings may be called by the president of the conference, or as may be otherwise determined by the conference itself. One-third of the ministers belonging to the conference, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

6. Each conference shall meet at the time of the regular convention of Synod to elect a minister to be president, a minister to be secretary, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. These officers shall take office the first day of the third month following their election.

7. The conference may adopt for itself any rules and regulations not in conflict with the constitution and by-laws, regulations, or resolutions of the Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

8. The president of the Synod shall have a voice and vote in meetings of each conference.

9. The actions of a conference shall at all times be subject to review by the Synod.

10. The president of each conference shall make a written report, including an abstract of the proceedings of the conference, stating also the condition and needs of the church within its bounds, and shall transmit the same to the president of the Synod as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE SIX

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. There shall be an executive committee of the Synod consisting of the president, the secretary, and the treasurer, together with one minister and one layman from each conference to be elected by the Synod for terms to be fixed in the by-laws.

2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee:
   a. To represent the Synod and carry out its resolutions;
   b. To attend to the business of the Synod ad interim;
   c. To promote the interests of The United Lutheran Church in America and this body's relation thereto;
   d. To co-ordinate the work of the several agencies of the Synod;
   e. To present a budget with apportionments to the annual convention of the Synod;
   f. To fill vacancies not otherwise provided for;
   g. And to perform such other work as may be designated to it by the Synod, to which it shall make full report of all its acts.

3. It shall be entrusted with all matters pertaining to legacies and trust funds in the possession of, or coming into the possession of the Synod; it shall direct the investment of such funds in the manner it thinks best for the safety of the said funds and the best interests of the beneficiaries of these funds.

4. It shall cause an annual examination to be made of all investments and securities held by the Synod and report thereon.

5. It shall hold regular meetings ad interim as Synod may determine. Special meetings may be called by the president of the Synod, or, in case of his death or removal, by the secretary. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

6. It shall have the power to appoint all necessary sub-committees from among its members. It shall determine the amount of salary to be paid to any officer of the Synod entitled thereto, when not otherwise determined, and shall make budgetary provisions to meet its necessary expenses.

ARTICLE SEVEN

ELECTIVE COMMITTEES

Section I—The Examining Committee

1. This committee shall consist of seven ordained ministers of the Synod, who shall be elected by the Synod in such a manner that the terms of at least two members shall expire each year. No member shall be re-elected until a year shall have expired after the completion of his term of office.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine into the qualifications of all applicants for ordination and admission into

the Synod, as provided in Article Nine, Section I, of this constitution.

3. This committee shall report to the ministerial session and shall recommend such applicants as shall satisfy the provisions of Article Nine, Section I. A two-thirds vote of the members of the committee shall be necessary for all recommendations.

Section II—Committee on Home Missions

1. There shall be a committee on home missions consisting of the president of Synod, together with one minister and one layman from each conference elected by the Synod for a term of three years in such a manner that the terms of one-third of the total number shall expire each year. No elected member shall be elected for more than two consecutive full terms.

2. No home missionary and no layman from a congregation receiving salary aid shall be eligible to membership on this committee.

3 The committee shall supervise, promote and control all the home mission work of the Synod. It shall be charged specifically with the duty of making an annual survey of the home mission field of the Synod, organizing new missions, preparing and submitting the annual home missions budget to the executive committee, and making a detailed annual report to the Synod.

4. The committee shall elect a chairman and a secretary. The treasurer of Synod shall serve as treasurer of this committee. It shall hold regular meetings as often as necessary for the performance of its duties.

5. The committee shall endeavor to stimulate and energize the home missions spirit in the parishes of the Synod.

Section III—Committee on Social Missions

1. There shall be a committee on social missions consisting of the president of Synod together with one minister and one layman from each conference elected by the Synod for a term of three years, in such a manner that the term of one-third of the total number shall expire each year. No elected member shall be elected for more than two consecutive full terms.

2. The committee shall co-operate with The Board of Social Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America and advise with and assist pastors and congregations of the Synod in the development of programs and projects in the field of inner missions, evangelism, and social action within the bounds of Synod. It shall make an annual survey of all social missions interests and needs on the territory of Synod and keep the Synod fully informed of the progress of the cause through regular annual reports.

3. The committee may delegate to the conference social missions committees such duties as may be necessary to vitalize all social missions work on the territory of every conference of the Synod

and to stimulate and energize the social missions spirit in every parish of the Synod.

4. The committee shall elect its necessary officers at the first regular meeting following each annual convention of Synod; and shall hold regular meetings as often as necessary for the performance of its duties.

ARTICLE EIGHT

OTHER COMMITTEES

Section I—Committee of Presidents

1. This committee shall consist of the president of the Synod, who shall be its chairman, and the presidents of the conferences.

2. The duty of this committee will be to advise with and assist the president of Synod in the discharge of the duties of his office; to confer with him concerning the needs of the church on the territory of the respective conferences; to consider and advise with him concerning enactments of The United Lutheran Church in America in order to make the same effective in the congregations of the Synod; and to act upon such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by the Synod.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to make an annual review of the roll of the ministers of the Synod and to offer such recommendations to the ministerial session as will be appropriate under Article Ten, Paragraph 9, of this constitution.

4. This committee shall make a record of all pastoral installations, corner stone layings, dedications of churches, etc., together with proper memoirs of ministers of the Synod deceased during the year, and report the same through the president of the Synod to the conventions of the Synod.

Section II—Committee on Church Vocations

1. This committee shall consist of the president of the Synod and three ministers and three laymen to be appointed by the president of Synod with the approval of the executive committee to serve for terms of three years in such a manner that the terms of two members expire each year. No member shall be reappointed to the committee until a year shall have elapsed since the expiration of his term.

2. The duties of the committee shall be to seek out and encourage young men and women to give themselves to full-time church vocations.

A. MEN FOR THE MINISTRY

The committee shall:

(1) Compile a list of the Synod's ministerial candidates in college and seminary.

(2) Encourage, counsel, and direct all ministerial candidates through interviews and reports.

(3) Distribute available literature and prepare additional material on the call to the Christian ministry as occasion may demand.

(4) Certify to the Synod such students as it approves.

(5) Disburse such funds as the Synod shall appropriate or as may be granted to the Synod by the board of Education of The United Lutheran Church in America for assistance of students for the ministry.

(6) Adopt rules and regulations subject to approval by the Synod.

(7) Perform any other duties in the field of ministerial education which the Synod may assign to it.

B. WOMEN IN FULL-TIME SERVICE

The committee shall in similar manner seek out, list, direct and aid young women for the diaconate or other full-time Christian service at home and abroad.

3. This committee shall make available to the examining committee all its records and findings relating to candidates for ordination.

4. The committee shall submit a full report annually to the Synod.

Section III—Committee on Stewardship

1. There shall be a committee on stewardship consisting of three ministers, and three laymen appointed annually by the president of the Synod with the approval of the executive committee.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to stress Christian stewardship as the practice of the Christian faith. It shall cooperate with the Stewardship Office of The United Lutheran Church in America in the creation and developent of a stewardship consciousness and spirit within every congregation of the Synod.

3. It shall discourage unscriptural methods of money raising and shall lead the congregation to higher levels of giving with the Christian tithe as a reasonable first step.

Section IV—Committee on Foreign Missions

1. There shall be a committee on foreign missions consisting of three ministers and three laymen appointed annually by the president with the approval of the executive committee.

2. The chief function of this committee shall be to encourage in every parish of the Synod the desire to share in the evangelizing of the world. To this end it shall co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America in seeking out young men and women for missionary service, in arranging itineraries for missionaries, in furthering the Board's special objectives, and in acquainting parishes with the aids which the Board makes available.

3. The committee shall submit an annual report to the Synod.

Section V.—Committee on Christian Education

1. There shall be a committee on Christian education consisting of the president of the Synod together with three ministers and three laymen appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee for a term of three years in such a manner that the terms of one minister and one layman shall expire each year.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee:

a. To be a two-way channel of communication between the Synod and The Board of Parish Education of The United Lutheran Church in America.

b. To encourage and promote the full development of programs of Christian education in congregations within the Synod, and to assist congregations to carry on a program of thorough catechetical instruction.

c. To give guidance to Lutheran church school associations within the bounds of the Synod.

3. The committee shall submit an anual report to the Synod.

ARTICLE NINE

THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Section I—Ministers

1. All applications for ordination or for reception into the Synod shall be made to the president and referred by him to the examining committee which shall report on the same to the ministerial session (except as provided in B. 2., below); and upon the recommendation of the ministerial session by a two-thirds vote, the Synod shall take final action on each application.

2. No applicant shall be received into this Synod whose field of labor is exclusively or chiefly within the territory or under the supervision of another Synod.

3. Every minister received into the Synod and every candidate who is ordained shall sign this constitution prior to admission into membership. By such signature the signer also obligates himself to relinquish his ordination certificate if requested to do so by formal action of the Synod.

A.-Applicants for Ordination

1. The examination of candidates for ordination shall be open to all members of the Synod. It shall test the general fitness of each applicant for the office of the ministry, his reasons for seeking the office, his theological attainments, his aceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and his willingness to give loyal support to the organization and work of the Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

2. Applicants for ordination shall present to the examining committee a satisfactory written testimonial of Christian life and character and also a transcript of their academic record in the theological seminary.

3. Every candidate to be ordained by the Synod shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall exhibit satisfactory evidence to the examining committee that he has received a regular call to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments and that he has accepted the call upon the condition of his ordination by the Synod. Every candidate shall be a graduate of an approved seminary and shall have completed at least one year in a Lutheran theological seminary. This rule shall not apply in the cases of ordained men coming from ecclesiastical bodies other than Lutheran. This call, carrying no limitation of time, must come from a congregation, a synod, or a church board to a special field of ministerial labor.

4. A candidate who has not received and accepted a call shall likewise present himself for examination. Upon approval by the examining committee he may be recommended to the ministerial session for ordination. Such ordination shall take place when he shall have submitted satisfactory evidence to the president that he has received and accepted a regular call, and shall have given assurance of his acceptance of this constitution, especially Article One, Section II.

5. In exceptional cases the president may receive into the Synod by ordination an applicant who fulfills all the necessary requirements, providing he is approved by unanimous vote of the examining committee and the executive committee.

B. Ordained Ministers

1. Any ordained minister of a constituent synod of The United Lutheran Church in America, applying for admission into this Synod, shall present a letter of dismissal of the synod from which he comes. He shall appear for conference with the examining committee. If on favorable report of the examining committee to the ministerial session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

2. Any ordained minister of a constituent synod of The

United Lutheran Church in America, after being called as a pastor of a congregation belonging to this Synod, may, in the interim between conventions of the Synod, be received into the Synod by the president upon unanimous recommendation of the examining committee and of the executive committee.

3. Any ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church belonging to a Synod not a constituent of The United Lutheran Church in America, who applies for membership into this Synod, having received a regular call to a specific field of ministerial labor and having accepted such a call subject to his reception into this Synod, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of his ordination and of his Christian character together with a letter of dismissal or testimonial of good standing issued by the body from which he comes. He shall appear before the examining committee for conference as to his acceptance of the standards prescribed in Article One, Section II, and as to his willingness to give loyal support to the organization and work of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America. If, on favorable report from the examining committee to the ministerial session, two-thirds of the ministers present approve, he shall be recommended to the Synod for reception.

4. A minister coming from an ecclesiastical body other than Lutheran who desires to be received as a minister of this Synod, shall present himself to the examining committee. He shall submit documents witnessing to his past service in the Christian ministry together with evidence of his good standing in the ecclesiastical body from which he has severed his connection; he shall testify to his acceptance of the faith of the Lutheran Church as stated in Article One, Section II, of this constitution, and to his willingness to give support to the organization and work of this Synod and of The United Lutheran Church in America.

Upon approval by the examining committee, and upon a recommendation of the ministerial session adopted by a two-thirds vote, the applicant may be certified by action of this Synod as eligible to receive a regular call to a field of ministerial labor within this Synod. When the candidate has received a regular call, he shall submit evidence of the same to the president of Synod who shall transmit it to the ministerial session. Upon recommendation of the ministerial session, adopted by a two-thirds vote, and favorable action of the Synod, the candidate shall be received into the Synod by ordination.

Section II—Reception of Congregations

A congregation desiring admission to this Synod shall place in the hands of the president a formal application, signed by the sec-

retary of the council, and shall send a representative to the convention of the Synod; it shall submit a copy of its constitution and of its charter, if incorporated. If these are in accord with the constitution of this Synod, the congregation may be received into membership by a majority vote of this Synod at any convention.

ARTICLE TEN

MINISTERS

1. Ministerial members of the Synod are those who have been received in accordance with this constitution. Their membership shall be terminated by death; by regular transfer and acceptance into another Lutheran synod; by certification to another evangelical church body; by process under Article Twelve; in the manner stated in paragraph 9 of this Article; or by demitting the ministry.

2. In addition to pastors of congregations, the Synod may include and continue upon its roll such ministers as hold educational, missionary, or editorial offices to which they have been appointed by the Synod or by The United Lutheran Church in America or any regularly constituted boards of the church which are recognized as having authority to make such appointments, and other ordained Lutheran ministers engaged in extra-parochial work of the church, which has been approved by the Synod or its executive committee as entitling a minister to continue membership in the Synod.

3. Every minister shall conform his preaching and teaching to the doctrinal basis set forth in Article One, Section II of this constitution.

4. Every pastor shall preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, and should conform the manner of conducting public worship to the accepted practice of The United Lutheran Church in America, using such books of worship and instruction as have been accepted and approved by The United Lutheran Church in America. He shall care for the people of his pastorate as individuals in congregations having common faith and harmonious interest with all other members and congregations of The United Lutheran Church in America. He shall give catechetical instruction regularly, and administer the rite of confirmation. He shall solemnize marriage in accordance with the laws of God and of the state. As a shepherd he shall visit and minister to the members of his parish, particularly the sick and infirm. He shall bury the dead, install regularly elected members of the council, and, with the council, administer discipline. He shall supervise all schools and auxiliary organizations of the congregation and promote the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the community, in the homeland, and abroad. He shall seek out and encourage young men having

proper qualifications to prepare for ordination to the Gospel ministry. He shall co-operate with the agencies and officers of the Synod and of the conference in every way, especially in the education of the membership to increase their liberality for the causes recommended by the Synod. He shall endeavor to stimulate piety and the sense of stewardship in the individual and family life of the people, as well as knowledge of the church and her work by the circulation of her promotional materials.

5. Every pastor shall keep accurate parochial records of baptisms, confirmations, members received by transfer or profession of faith, members transferred or deceased, together with a roster of all members of his charge eligible to commune and communing. He shall keep the record of each congregation of a pastoral charge in a separate book, which shall be the property of the congregation. He shall report annually an accurate statistical summary of these records to the proper official of the Synod.

6. No minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act within the pastoral charge of a brother minister, except upon his request or with his consent nor shall he make pastoral visits or preach or perform ministerial acts in a vacant charge or congregation except upon formal invitation of the council, or the consent or appointment of the president of the Synod; nor shall he accept a call to a pastoral charge within this Synod without first conferring with the president of the Synod.

7. Should a pastor deem it his duty to resign his charge, he shall confer with the president of Synod before doing so, and, when his final decision is made, he shall at once inform the president of the Synod of his decision.

8. Any minister who leaves the specific work of the ministry, without the consent of the president of the Synod, to engage in secular pursuit shall deposit his ordination certificate with the president of Synod, the certificate to be returned to him if and when he resumes the active work of the Lutheran ministry, with the consent of the president of Synod. The synodical secretary shall notify the proper civil authorities regarding the status of ministers newly enrolled in this Synod and of ministers of this Synod who have demitted or who have been deposed from the ministry of the Lutheran church, or who have been officially dropped from the roll in accordance with the next following paragraph.

9. Should a minister belonging to this Synod find hmself constrained to leave the specific work of the ministry with the consent of the president of the Synod, his name may be continued upon the roll as a member. In this connection the committee of presidents is to report annually to the ministerial session for consideration and reference a full list of all others than superannuated or physi-

cally incapacitated ministers on the roll who for a period of two or more years have not engaged in regular ministerial work as defined in paragraph 2 of this article, and the ministerial session shall decide when it shall recommend to the Synod that the name of a minister whose status is in question should be dropped from the roll of members.

10. If any minister in good and regular standing in the Synod enters a field of labor within another Evangelical Lutheran Synod, he shall upon application to the president, be entitled to, and the president shall furnish him with, a certificate of transfer, but until he is formally received into the membership of the synod to which he is being transferred he shall be fully amenable to this Synod.

11. Every minister in good and regular standing in the Synod shall be entitled, upon request, to a certificate of his standing.

12. It shall be the duty of every pastor, when members of his pastoral charge move out of its bounds:

(1) To urge such members to unite with the congregation into whose territory they have moved;

(2) To notify immediately the pastor of said congregation of such removal; and

(3) Upon application, to furnish certificates of transfer of membership to such as are entitled to the same.

13. The Synod shall have the right to advise and admonish concerning association and affiliation of its ministers with non-ecclesiastical and other organizations whose principles or practices appear to be inconsistent with full loyalty to the Christian Church.

14. All ministers of the Synod shall attend all meetings of the Synod, the ministerial session, and the conference to which they belong. In case of unavoidable absence, the absentee shall send to the secretary an excuse for his absence; and nothing shall be regarded as a valid excuse except urgent necessity and positive inability to attend. Repeated absence without valid excuse shall subject the absentee to discipline.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

THE CONGREGATIONS

1. It shall be the duty of each congregation belonging to Synod to select annually from its communing membership in good standing a lay delegate who shall represent it in the convention of the Synod and also one who shall represent it in the convention of the conference, and submit a report to the parish. The congregation shall arrange to pay their and the pastors' regular expenses, other than travel, to be in full attendance upon such meetings. It may also appoint an alternate to take the place of the regular delegate in his absence.

2. Every congregation belonging to the Synod shall comply with the constitution, by-laws, decisions, and recommendations of the Synod and conference, and should conform its public worship and ministrations to the order approved by The United Lutheran Church in America. It shall make systematic effort to meet at least the amounts apportioned for synodical causes and for The United Lutheran Church in America as indicated in a budget of apportionments by the Synod to the congregation. It shall make earnest effort to pay such amounts into the synodical treasury in monthly installments. It shall make due provision for the ministration of the Word and Sacraments and see that the pastor is properly supported. It shall endeavor to hold at least one service every Lord's day. It shall make all necessary provision for the promotion of piety in its families, for the Christian training of the young, and for the encouragement of the members in the work of evangelism and the practice of Christian stewardship.

3. In cases of pastoral vacancy or of difficulty and strife in the congregation, the council shall seek the advice and instruction of the president of the Synod.

4. In cases of strife and division, should any part of a congregation belonging to the Synod reject the faith set forth in Article One, Section II, or revolt against constitutional provisions or its obligations as a member of this Synod, that part of the congregation, whether majority or minority of its membership, which continues in unity with Synod and its faith shall be recognized as the lawful congregation and shall continue in possession of all property of the congregation.

5. Should a member congregation disband or cease to function for a period of two years, all its property, real, personal and mixed, shall vest in this Synod, its successors or assigns, providing that no other right, title, or interest had been reserved in the property prior to memberhip in this Synod.

6. No congregation shall make any enactments in conflict with this constitution or with the regulations of The United Lutheran Church in America.

7. Should a pastor resign, the council shall receive the letter of resignation and present the same to the congregation; and at once report the resignation to the president of the Synod.

8. Any congregation which desires to sever its relations with this Synod in order to unite with some other Evangelical Lutheran Synod shall make written application to the president of this Synod for a proper transfer, stating the reasons for a change in synodical relations and designating the synod to which it desires to be trans-

ferred. Thereupon, the Synod may, by proper resolution, transfer the applying congregation to the designated synod. Such transfer shall be certified by the president and secretary of this Synod.

9. Contemplated changes in its constitution affecting its articles concerning faith, adherence to this Synod and The United Lutheran Church in America, or disposition of its property shall be reported to the president of the Synod for action by the Synod.

10. Should a congregation deem it conducive to the best interest of the church to relocate or to dissolve its organization and relinquish its charter, the church council shall confer with the executive comittee and the committee on home missions of the Synod before any steps are taken or any commitments made.

11. Any vacant congregation or pastoral charge in arrears to a former pastor shall be required to make satisfactory adjustment thereof before calling a successor.

ARTICLE TWELVE

DISCIPLINE

Section I—Offenses

The offenses for which ministerial members of the Synod shall be subject to discipline are:

1. Preaching or teaching doctrine in conflict with the faith set forth in Article One, Section II;
2. Conduct incompatible with moral purity or with the character of the ministerial office;
3. Willful disregard and/or violation of the constitution, authority, and resolutions of the Synod.

Section II—Penalties

1. The penalties which may be imposed upon ministers are:
   (a) Private censure and admonition by the president;
   (b) Public censure and admonition by the ministerial session of the Synod.
   (c) Suspension from the office and functions of the ministry for a designated period or until there is satisfactory evidence of repentance and amendment.
   (d) Deposition from the ministerial office.
2. The sentence of suspension or of deposition under the preceding paragraph shall automatically terminate the pastorate of the minister.
3. Should any congregation belonging to the Synod turn away from the faith set forth in Article One, Section II; neglect or refuse to exercise proper discipline over its members after due admonition by the president of the Synod; disparage the cause of the Christian

Church or hinder the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by refusing to support the benevolent work of the Church; or willfully disregard and violate the constitution or resolutions of the Synod and persist in such disregard and violation, it shall be suspended or excluded from membership in this Synod. A two-thirds majority vote shall be required for such exclusion.

4. No minister under sentence of suspension or layman under discipline by his own congregation shall hold any office in the Synod, or serve as a delegate, director, or trustee under its appointment; and every committee, board, delegation, or body of appointees constituted by the Synod shall see to the enforcement of this rule.

5. It shall also be the duty of all ministers and congregations belonging to the Synod to respect the disciplinary action of the Synod. Disregard of any such disciplinary action by a minister or congregation shall in itself be deemed a violation of order which shall subject the offender to further discipline.

Section III—Processes Against a Minister

A. THE BRINGING OF CHARGES

1. By a Congregation

If serious accusation be lodged against a minister before his church council by six members in good standing in the congregation, unless otherwise provided for by the constitution of the congregation, the council shall confer with him about the same and shall endeavor to remove all just cause of complaint and to reconcile all parties; nor shall any further steps be taken untill all proper efforts to this end on the part of the council have been exhausted.

If the efforts to achieve reconciliation fail and in the judgment of the council a **prima facie** case has been made out against the minister, it shall report its finding in writing to the president of the Synod, specifying the charges, which must, however, be founded on the subscribed testimony of at least two credible witnesses. If the council shall ignore the accusation the members of the congregation who have brought the charges may in like manner lay them before the president of the Synod.

If a minister be charged with some specific sin not in the manner aforesaid, but by widespread rumor which is not transient, but which continues and strengthens, the council shall endeavor to remove the scandal. If it fails, or finds evidence of guilt, it shall at once report the case to the president of the Synod.

2. By Ministerial Members of the Synod

Five ministers of the Synod may prefer charges against a minister. Such charges must be specific, in writing, and signed by them.

3. By the President of the Synod

Should the attention of the president of the Synod be directed by rumor or complaint to alleged offenses on the part of any of its ministerial members, he shall immediately investigate the matter and endeavor to remove any cause for complaint or scandal. Should he fail in his efforts, or should he find reason for further investigation, he shall appoint a committee of inquiry.

B. THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION

If any accusation against a minister of the Synod be lodged with the president by the congregation of which the accused is pastor, or by five ministers of the Synod, or by a committee of inquiry appointed by the president in accordance with Paragraph A, 3 of this section, he shall at once communicate with the accused respecting the matter. If the accused should desire an investigation, or the nature of the accusation be such as to call for it, the president shall appoint a committee for that purpose, and cite the accused to appear before the committee.

When such investigation is instituted, a copy of the complaint against the accused shall be furnished him by the president, allowing him not less than ten days between the time of his citation and the time appointed for the hearing. In the interim the accused shall file with the committee of investigation an answer setting forth his defense. If the accused should refuse, or fail to appear without presenting adequate reasons why the investigation should be deferred to another time, it shall proceed in the same manner as if he were present.

If the findings in such an investigation indicate gross immorality, or flagrant transgression, or if the accused minister shall have absconded, or if the circumstances are such that, in the judgment of the president of the Synod, the Church would suffer irreparable harm if the accused minister would continue to exercise the office of the ministry while under investigation, the president of the Synod shall immediately suspend the accused from the office and functions of the ministry until his case has been finally decided by the Synod.

If the findings of the investigation show sufficient evidence of guilt besides reporting the case to the president, the committee making the investigation shall formulate the charges and specifications against the accused, and the president of the Synod shall furnish a copy to the accused not less than twenty days before the convention of the Synod, at the same time citing him to appear at the convention when his case shall be heard and decided. Not less than five days before the convention at which the accused shall be heard, the accused shall file with the committee of investigation his answer to the charges and specifications seriatim.

If the findings by majority vote of the committee show insufficient evidence of guilt the committee of investigation shall report the same to the president of the Synod. The president of the Synod shall thereupon notify the accused of the termination of the proceedings and shall then attempt in Christian love to reconcile all parties affected.

C. THE TRIAL

When the preliminary investigation has shown that formal trial is necessary, the president shall report the matter to the next annual convention of the Synod, or to a special convention called for the purpose, and the case shall be referred to a committee on discipline consisting of fifteen members.

The committee of investigation shall be responsible for the presentation of evidence. The committee of investigation shall appoint at least two of its members who shall be charged with the duty of conducting the prosecution during the trial. With the consent of the president of the Synod, the committee of investigation may employ counsel to represent it at the trial. Such counsel shall however, be members of congregations belonging to the Synod.

The accused shall be notified of the time and place of the trial and shall have the right to be present. The accused shall have the further right to be heard in his own defense, and to call witnesses, and may be represented by counsel, who, however, shall be members of congregations belonging to the Synod or shall be approved by the executive committee of this Synod. The committee on discipline shall hear all relevant testimony and shall present its finding to the Synod. If the findings be adverse to the accused, it shall also recommend the penalty to be imposed. The findings of the committee may be adopted and the penalty determined by a majority vote of the Synod; but the accused may appeal from the findings of the committee, in which case he shall be tried by the Synod in closed session, and the method of procedure shall be the same as before the committee on discipline. In case of such appeal all penalties shall be suspended until the case has been tried and determined by the Synod.

When a minister is charged with teaching or preaching doctrines that are in conflict with Article One, Section II, of this constitution, the committee on discipline shall consist entirely of ministers, and shall report its findings to the ministerial session; but the accused may appeal to the said ministerial session against the findings of the committee, in which case the ministerial session shall proceed to try the charges. In acting upon the report of the committee on discipline or in its trial of charges, the ministerial session shall take

a vote upon two counts: First, Is the doctrine specified in conflict with Article One, Section II? Second, Is the accused guilty of preaching or teaching such doctrine? The guilt of the accused shall be determined only upon a two-thirds vote on the first count, and upon a majority vote on the second count. The ministerial session shall then report its decision to the Synod, which shall determine the penalty by a majority vote; but the penalty shall not be less than suspension from the ministry, which shall continue until such time as the accused shall have made full recantation of the errors because of which he has been suspended.

When final decision has been made in the trial of a minister, the president of the Synod shall at once announce the decision, whether guilty or not guilty. If guilty, the president shall pronounce the sentence in the presence of the body, also if possible, in the presence of the person adjudged guilty.

If the accused shall produce to the president of the Synod after-discovered evidence which in the judgment of the president would seem to warrant a retrial, the president shall present the evidence to the Synod, which shall decide whether or not the case shall be retried.

When the penalty imposed has been greater than that of public or private censure, he shall at once call a special convention of the Synod to consider the matter.

The evidence in a case of discipline shall not be published, in part or in whole. This shall not be taken to prevent the publication of the fact of the trial and the penalty imposed.

Section IV—Appeals from Congregational Discipline

The administration of discipline in a congregation is governed by the congregation's constitution, but a member of any congregation belonging to the Synod may appeal to the Synod from the disciplinary action of the congregation. All such appeals must be made in writing to the president of the Synod within thirty days after the action has been taken. A copy of the appeal shall be promptly transmitted by the appellant to the officers of the congregation, nor shall the appeal be entertained unless there is evidence that the same has been received by said officers. Upon receiving such appeal, the president of the Synod shall refer the matter for investigation and determination to a special committee appointed by him. All relevant testimony shall be heard in such investigation. The decision or findings of the committee shall be reported to the president of the Synod and shall be final unless the Synod, after petition by either party, shall determine otherwise.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

INCORPORATION

The Synod shall be incorporated .

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

THE SEAL

1. The seal of the Synod shall appear as two concentric circles. Between the circles shall appear the legend, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States. U. L. C. A." Within the smaller circle shall appear the bold figure of the cross and smaller figures of the sower and of the reaper.

2. The seal shall be in the charge of the president of the Synod, who shall affix it, or cause it to be affixed, to all documents, certificates, deeds, legal papers, or official copies of resolutions, etc., requiring the Seal of the Synod.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

THIS CONSTITUTION

1. The provisions and ordinances contained in the constitution and by-laws of the Synod, in so far as the same are severally applicable, shall be of like force in the government of the Synod, the ministerial session, and the conference.

2. The constitution of this Synod may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular annual convention, provided that such propcsed amendments be moved and presented in writing by not fewer than six members at a previous regular annual convention.

3. Everything in any by-law, resolution, or enactment of the Synod in conflict with this constitution is hereby superseded and repealed.

By-Laws

Section I

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall begin January 1 and continue through December 31.

Section II

CONVENTIONS

1. The regular convention of the Synod shall be held during the month of May on dates set by the Synod or the executive committee.
2. The executive committee shall prepare an order of business for each convention of the Synod and shall recommend its adoption at the opening session.
3. The president together with those delegated by him shall arrange for and administer the Holy Communion at each convention in accordance with the common usage at conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America.
4. The president shall appoint a chaplain for each convention.
5. A meeting of the lay delegates, the agenda for which shall be prepared by the lay members of the executive committee, shall be held in connection with each regular convention of the Synod.

Section III

RULES OF ORDER

The business shall be conducted in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, except as specified otherwise in the constitution and these by-laws.

Section IV

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Terms of elected members of this committee shall be three years. They shall be elected in such a manner that the terms of one-third of the members (an equal number of ministers and laymen) expire each year. No elected member shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.
3. It shall normally meet quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the president and shall be called by him at the written request of one-third of the members of the committee.

3. It shall cause an examination to be made of the printed minutes of the last regular convention of the Synod and of any intervening conventions, make necessary corrections and present three such corrected copies of the minutes, certified by the secretary and president to the next regular convention of the Synod to become the protocol of the convention or conventions to which the minutes pertain. One copy shall be placed in the synodical office, one in the secretary's office, and one shall be placed in the archives.
4. It shall make nominations for election to all elective committees and boards.
5. It shall maintain a right relationship between the Synod and its official auxiliaries.
6. Upon nomination by the president of the Synod it shall elect an assistant to the president, a statistician, and an archivist.
7. It shall arrange for the installation of officers.

Section V

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

1. This committee shall exercise oversight of and shall promote home missions.
2. It shall distribute funds appropriated by the Synod for home missions and shall recommend the amount of aid to be given by the Board of American Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.
3. Pastors of congregations receiving home missions aid shall submit monthly or quarterly reports as required by this committee.

Section VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

Following each regular convention of Synod, with the approval of the executive committee, the president shall appoint committees as follows:

1. Committee on youth work.
   This committee shall consist of nine members. It shall counsel the Luther League as an auxiliary of the church, seek to foster co-operation with the program of the Luther League of America, and seek to increase the activity of youth in the Synod and its congregations. It shall supervise the program of all youth camps within the Synod. It shall nominate to the executive committee a director or directors of such youth camps each year. Such directors, after election by the executive committee, shall be advisory members of the committee

on youth work. The chairman of the committee on camp property shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

2. Committee on congregational interests.

This committee shall consist of five members.
It shall be the duty of this committee to study the constitutions and corporate charters of congregations applying for membership in this Synod, as well as to study contemplated changes in constitution of member congregations.

3. Committee on student work in non-Lutheran schools.

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. This committee shall endeavor to effect or assist in effecting a ministry to Lutheran students in non-Lutheran schools. Its activity shall be in co-operation with the Division of Student Service of the National Lutheran Council.

4. Committee on publications.

This committee shall consist of three members.
It shall be the duty of this committee to review and study periodicals and books and to make such recommendations as may be of value to the members of Synod or the Board of Publication of The United Lutheran Church in America.

5. Committee on circulation of "The Lutheran."

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. It shall cooperate with the staff of "The Lutheran" in efforts to place "The Lutheran" in every home in the Synod and shall assist congregations toward this end.

6. Committee on pensions.

This committee shall consist of not more than five members. It shall promote the pension plans of The United Lutheran Church in America among pastors and congregations of the Synod, and assist the president in the relief and care of ministers or their dependents in cases of emergency or special need.

7. Committee on camp property.

There shall be a committee on camp property consisting of a chairman and not fewer than six other members. Membership on this committee shall be for a term of one year beginning October 1. The chairman of the committee on youth work shall be a member of this committee, ex-officio.

Under the direction and control of the executive committee, this committee shall be responsible for maintaining the property of any camp or camps owned by Synod; shall be responsi-

ble for all financial transactions involved in connection with the ownership and management of such camps; and shall strive to manage the facilities of such camps on a self supporting basis.

8. No member except the president shall serve on more than one standing committee.

Section VII

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Synod shall choose representatives to the following boards: Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Midland College, Tabitha Home, Nebraska Lutheran Social Service. The number of representatives and the length of terms shall be in accordance with the constitutional requirement of the respective boards and agencies.

No such representatives shall serve for more than two consecutive full terms.

The representatives to such institutions and agencies shall report annually to Synod and shall make available for inspection by the Synod a copy of the annual audit of the institution or agency.

Section VIII

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

At the first session of each annual convention of the Synod, the president shall appoint the following committees:

1. Committee on reference and counsel.

   The duties of this committee shall include considering all general resolutions before they are submitted to the convention, arranging special orders for the hearing of representatives; and giving such assistance as may be desired by the president for the conduct of the general program of the convention.

2. Committee on president's report.

   The duties of this committee shall include studying and reviewing the annual report of the president; transmitting to the Synod his recommendations requiring action by the Synod; and making such additional recommendations as it deems proper.

3. Committee on elections.

   This committee shall have charge of all elections.

4. Committee on registration and attendance.

   The duties of this committee shall include the registering of all clerical and accredited lay delegates attending the conven-

tion; distributing registration cards prepared by the secretary; receiving excuses of those absent from the convention; recording those absent without excuse; and making a full report to the Synod as to convention attendance.

5. Committee on convention travel.

   This committee shall examine and approve the statements of convention travel expenses as submitted by the delegates. Travel expense of delegates, clerical and lay, shall be paid by the Synod at a rate determined by the executive committe.

6. Committee on resolutions.

Section IX

REPORTS

1. All officers, committees, directors, and trustees shall present their reports, typewritten, double-spaced, in duplicate, to the secretary by a date designated by him for inclusion in the convention bulletin.

2. Each report shall be signed by a majority of those submitting it. Minority statements shall be signed by the entire minority dissenting.

3. The secretary of the Synod shall mail one copy of the convention bulletin to each minister together with one additional copy for the use of the lay delegate of each congregation, at least one week prior to the regular convention of Synod.

4. Financial reports shall be audited by an accredited accountant before presentation to Synod. All financial statements submitted to the Synod shall be in such form as to show clearly and separately both current operating accounts and capital accounts. There shall be presented in each case a balance sheet showing assets and liabilities in reasonable detail.

Section X

ELECTIONS

1. The election of all officers shall be by ballot. In cases in which ministers only are eligible there shall be no prior nominations.

2. Election of officers shall be the first item of business after the roll of Synod is determined and the reports of officers have been presented.

3. In the election of officers the following rules shall obtain:
   On the first ballot, three-fourths of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

On the second ballot, two-thirds of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

The third ballot shall be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the third and succeeding ballots, a majority shall elect.

Section XI

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTIONS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

1. The president of the Synod shall be one of the delegates to conventions of The United Lutheran Church in America, ex-officio.
2. If an officer of The United Lutheran Church in America is a member of this Synod or is a member of a congregation belonging to this Synod, he shall be a delegate ex-officio.
3. All other delegates and alternates shall be elected by ballot. Oral nominations may be made for lay delegates and alternate lay delegates.
4. The president of the Synod shall be chairman of the delegation. When the president of Synod cannot serve as chairman, the delegation shall choose its own chairman.
5. A per diem allowance shall be granted to each delegate in attendance at a rate fixed by Synod or the executive committee.

Section XII

CONFERENCES

The Synod shall be divided into five conferences.

The North-east Conference shall be bounded on the north and on the east by the boundaries of Synod. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Washington, Dodge, Colfax, Platte, Nance, Howard, and Sherman. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Sherman, Valley, Garfield, Holt, and Boyd.

The North-west Conference shall be bounded on the north and on the west by the boundaries of Synod. On the east it shall be bounded by the west boundary of the North-east Conference. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Custer, Lincoln, Perkins, Deuel, Cheyenne, and Kimball.

The South-west Conference shall be bounded on the west by the boundaries of Synod. On the north it shall be bounded by the

south boundary of the North-west Conference, and the south boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Sherman, Howard, Hamilton, York, Seward, and Lancaster. On the east it shall be bounded by the east boundary of the following counties in Nebraska: Hall, Saline, and Gage; and by the east boundary of the following counties in Kansas: Marshall, Pottawatomie, Geary, Morris, Chase, Butler and Cowley. On the south its shall be bounded by the south boundary of the State of Kansas.

The Central Conference shall be bounded on the east by the boundary of Synod. On the north it shall be bounded by the north boundary of the following counties of Nebraska. Douglas, Saunders, Butler, Polk, and Hamilton. On the south it shall be bounded by the south boundary of the following counties of Nebraska: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster; and by the fortieth parallel of latitude north of the equator. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundaries of the following counties of Nebraska: Hamilton. Lancaster, Johnson, and Pawnee.

The South-east Conference shall be bounded on the north by the fortieth parallel of latitude north of the equator. On the east, and south, it shall be bounded by the boundaries of Synod. On the west it shall be bounded by the west boundary of the following counties of Kansas: Nemaha, Jackson, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Greenwood, Elk, and Chautauqua; and by the boundary of Synod.

Section XIII

SYNODICAL PAPER

The executive committee shall be responsible for publishing a synodical paper, and it shall appoint an editor and such other members of a staff as may be needed. Appointments to the staff shall be upon nomination by the editor.

Section XIV

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a convention of the Synod, provided that such amendment has been moved and presented in writing by not fewer than six members at a session of Synod at least one day prior to the day at which action is taken.

RECOMMENDATIONS
and
INFORMATION

The Joint Committee on Merger recommends to the three Synods:

1. That the Synods shall not hold simultaneous conventions in 1954, but shall hold their conventions in successive weeks.

2. That the Synods agree to the order suggested by this committee, which order was established by impartial drawing of lots. The Midwest Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning April 25, 1954. The Kansas Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning May 2nd, 1954. The Nebraska Synod will hold its convention in the week beginning May 9th, 1954.

3. That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the first convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States will be held in the first full week of June, 1954.

4. That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the first convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Central States will be held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

5. That, if the three Synods agree to merge, each Synod shall appoint three representatives who, with the representatives of the other Synods, shall arrange for the incorporation of the Synod.

6. That the merged Synod as a corporation shall domesticate in every state which is wholly or in part within the territory of the Synod.

7. That, if the three Synods agree to merge, the President of The United Lutheran Church in America shall be invited to preside at the first convention of the merged Synod.

8. That the Synods shall look to their own members who are members of the Joint Committee on Merger to secure proper signatures, to present the Proposed Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States according to the provisions of the existing constitutions of the several Synods, and to present in the 1954 Conventions of the several Synods the resolutions of merger.

9. That the Synods shall continue in existence the Joint Committee on Merger, composed of five representatives from each of the Synods, to tend to any business which may arise that would need the attention of such a committee, and, if merger is effected, to make plans for the first convention of the merged Synod.

INFORMATION

If the merger is effected, the Joint Committee on Merger will present at the first convention of the merged Synod the following resolutions of merger:

"The Synod advises all its pastors to avoid membership in fraternal organizations because such membership offends the consciences of many Christians."

RESOLUTIONS OF MERGER

The undersigned move the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ Synod of _____ accept and adopt and does hereby accept and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, as and for the Constitution and By-Laws of this Synod, effective when an identical Constitution and By-Laws are accepted and adopted by the _____ Synod of _____, and the _____ Synod of _____, excepting, however, the provisions of Article II of said Constitution and Section 1 of said By-Laws with reference to the date of the annual convention and the business sessions thereof, and Article III of said Constitution with reference to the beginning of the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, in so far only as the same may be appliable to the first convention of said Synod to begin on June _____, 1954, in _____, the election of officers thereat and the transaction of any and all business which may come before the convention, this Synod hereby waiving any and all notice and consenting that the first convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States shall begin on June _____, 1954, at the place aforesaid, and that the terms of office of the President, Secretary and Treasurer elected thereat shall become effective immediately upon election and continue thereafter until their successors have been elected, and shall enter upon the duties of their offices as in said Articles and Sections provided, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _____ Synod of _____ merge and consolidate and it hereby does merge and consolidate all its powers, rights and property and all liabilities existing against it into The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and that this corporation relinquish its corporate name and assume in place thereof, the name of the corporation with which it is hereby merging, to-wit: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the election of officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, the officers and committees of this Synod, individually or severally, as the case may require, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to transfer and deliver to the proper officers and committees of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, all moneys, trust funds, letters, papers, agreements, title papers, records, documents and all real and personal property of any kind and nature belonging to and in the possession of this Synod and in which this Synod may have an equitable or legal interest, together with a complete record of all existing obligations and liabilities incurred by this Synod, with any and all supporting documents appertaining thereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers of this corporation be, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute and deliver under the seal of this Synod, all deeds, assignments, transfers and other written instruments necessary for the transfer of its real and personal property to The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and to take such legal action as will be necessary and required by law to fully consummate and effect the merger and consolidation with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States, and wind up the affairs of this Synod.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD IN THE CENTRAL STATES

OF

OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the undersigned, for the purpose of forming and becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska, as a Class 4 religious association, as defined in Section 21-834 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943, as amended, have adopted Articles of Incorporation as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the Central States", and its principal office shall be in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE II.

The resident agent of the corporation shall be the President, and his address is Omaha, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose and object of the corporation shall be:

(1) The supervision and discipline of its constituent congregations and members in conformity with its Constitution.

(2) To receive, own, possess, hold, sell, mortgage and convey property, both real and personal, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, and to receive property of all kinds by devise, bequest, gifts, or otherwise, and for such further purposes or objects as set forth in its Constitution.

(3) To transact all secular business and manage all temporal affairs of the corporation.

(4) To make and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws not inconsistent with its Articles of Incorporation, or the laws of the United States, or this State, or any other state in which it does business.

(5) To have a corporate seal.

(6) To transact any other business whatsoever incident to the advancement of the purposes of the corporation and provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE IV.

All vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee unless otherwise provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The corporation shall begin on the ____ day of June, 1954, and shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI.

The affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by the Officers and the Executive Committee, who shall be elected as provided in its Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by two-thirds vote at any regular or special meeting, notice of which shall be given _____ days before such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this ____ day of June, 1954, at Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

(Acknowledgment to be added)

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ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

The Women's Missionary Society of Kansas and Adjacent States

Organized October 14, 1880

Year	Place	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1880	Lawrence	Mrs. S. S. Waltz	Mrs. A. J. Kissell	Mrs. H. F. Long
1881	Bunkerhill	Mrs. S. S. Waltz	Mrs. I. M. Yost	Mrs. H. F. Long
1882	Salina	Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser	Mrs. J. A. Bright	Mrs. H. F. Long
1883	Eureka	Mrs. T. F. Dornblaser	Mrs. J. E. Herbat	Mrs. A. J. Kissell
1884	Topeka	Mrs. A. J. Kissell	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	Mrs. J. A. Bright
1885	Peabody	Mrs. M. J. Schauer	Mrs. F. D. Altman	Mrs. J. E. Herbat
1886	Waterville	Mrs. O. J. Peters	Mrs. L. L. Belmer	Mrs. J. E. Herbat
1887	Abilene	Mrs. L. L. Belmer	Amanda Boorey	Mrs. J. E. Herbat
1888	Lawrence	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	Mrs. H. Jones	Mrs. S. Rents
1889	Atchison	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. S. Rents
1890	Salina	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
1891	Emporia	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
1892	Kansas City	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. J. M. Searles	Mrs. A. M. Porch
1893	Kansas City	Mrs. M. J. Schauer	Mrs. E. P. Briggs	Mrs. J. M. Searles
1894	Topeka	Mrs. Ella C. Beegle	Mrs. J. N. Lentz	Mrs. M. F. Selig
1895	Abilene	Mrs. Ella C. Beegle	Mrs. J. N. Lents	Mrs. M. F. Selig
1896	Lawrence	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. R. H. Williams	Mrs. John Hoffer
1897	Peabody	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. R. H. Williams	Mrs. John Hoffer
1898	Hutchinson	Mrs. John Hoffer	Josephine Maedel	Mrs. G. S. Funk
1899	Atchison	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Josephine Maedel	Mrs. G. S. Funk
1900	Waterville	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Ada Livers	Mrs. H. A. Ott
1901	Wellington	Mrs. L. S. Keyser	Ada Livers	Mrs. H. A. Ott
1902	Salina	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. C. N. Swihart	Mrs. J. W. Ball
1903	St. Joseph	Mrs. T. L. Bond	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Miss Lena Korn
1904	Eureka	Mrs. H. A. Ott	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Mrs. R. B. Wolf
1905	Emporia	Mrs. H. A. Ott	Mrs. P. A. Lutt	Mrs. R. B. Wolf
1906	Topeka	Mrs. H. L. Yarger	Mrs. B. R. Lants	Mrs. R. B. Wolf
1907	Ottawa	Mrs. H. L. Yarger	Mrs. A. V. Myser	Mrs. H. E. Heisey
1908	Peabody	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. E. Heisey
1909	Kansas City	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. E. Moss
1910	Lawrence	Mrs. M. F. Troxell	Mrs. W. H. Schrock	Mrs. H. E. Moss
1911	Abilene	Mrs. M. F. Troxell	Mrs. W. H. Schrock	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey
1912	Hays	Mrs. W. H. Schrock	Mrs. Andreas Bard	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey
1913	St. Joseph	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	Mrs. Andreas Bard	Mrs. E. E. Stauffer
1914	Eureka	Mrs. A. R. Schrader	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. Runkle
1915	Topeka	Mrs. M. F. Troxell	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. Runkle
1916	Lawrence	Mrs. C. S. Brewer	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Mrs. P. Mennenoeh
1917	Wichita	Mrs. C. S. Brewer	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Mrs. H. Runkle
1918	Lawrence	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. W. D. Ziegler	Mrs. H. Runkle
1919	Salina	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. H. W. Hanshue	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1920	Atchison	Mrs. W. B. Winzenried	Mrs. A. L. Groseclose	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1921	Emporia	Mrs. S. S. Kauffman	Mrs. J. J. Clemens	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1922	Peabody	Mrs. S. S. Kauffman	Mrs. A. L. Groseclose	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1923	Hutchinson	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Nellie F. Pugh	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1924	Wellington	Mrs. Thos. Frack	Nellie F. Pugh	Mrs. G. G. Clark
1925	Abilene	Mrs. H. Runkle	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. E. S. Gaston
1926	Wichita	Mrs. H. Runkle	Mrs. F. C. Almquist	Mrs. W. H. Rippel
1928	Oklahoma City	Mrs. D. L. McConnell	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. H. Rippel
1929	Kansas City	Mrs. D. L. McConnell	Mrs. R. R. Bang	Mrs. W. H. Rippel
1930	Lawrence	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. C. Miller
1931	Hays	Mrs. E. C. Almquist	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. C. Miller
1932	Hutchinson	Mrs. G. K. Mykland	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. C. Smith
1933	Topeka	Mrs. G. K. Mykland	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. C. Smith
1934	St. Joseph	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1935	Tulsa	Mrs. G. C. Smith	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1936	Salina	Mrs. J. P. Jensen	Mrs. E. P. Boersch	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1937	Wichita	Mrs. J. P. Jensen	Mrs. E. P. Boersch	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen
1938	Oklahoma City	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. L. Search	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1939	Kansas City	Mrs. F. W. Juergensen	Mrs. G. L. Search	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1940	Atchison	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1941	Lawrence	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Mrs. W. C. Jacobson
1942	Abilene	Mrs. W. W. Klover	Miss Helen Fink	Miss Harriet Kjerulff
1943	Topeka	Mrs. R. E. Gaston	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Miss Harriet Kjerulff
1944	Kansas City	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Miss Harriet Kjerulff
1945	Wichita	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Kenneth Jackson	Miss Harriet Kjerulff
1946	Abilene	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1947	Hays	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1948	Topeka	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss Helen Fink
1949	St. Joseph, Mo.	Mrs. Fred Kloepper	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. Walter Selle
1950	Emporia, Kan.	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Miss C. Ellenberger	Mrs. Walter Selle
1951	Hays, Kan.	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. Walter Selle
1952	Kansas City, Ks.	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. Walter Selle
1953	Hutchinson	Mrs. Ernest Tonsing	Mrs. John Zimmerman	Mrs. C. C. Emmerich